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SPORTS HALL CALL TO HONOUR JOEL

Report by Heather Large

A BLACK Country sports hall could be named in honour of 19-year-old Tunisia terror attack victim and football referee, Joel Richards.

It follows a scheme being put forward for the facility at the new £8.1 million Wednesbury Leisure Centre to be dedicated to the Saddlers fan who was killed alongside his uncle and grandfather, on June 26.

Councillor Elaine Costigan is lodging a bid for the special dedication, which has been supported by the 19-year-old's family.

University student Joel, from Wednesbury, was killed along with his uncle Adrian Evans and grandfather Patrick Evans, and together they were regulars at the Banks's Stadium.

Walsall Football Club has also revealed plans to place three permanent memorials at the ground.

Joel was a keen sportsman, playing Gaelic football. He was also a promising referee.

Councillor Costigan said she believed naming the sports hall in his honour would be a fitting tribute.

She has already received his mother Suzanne's approval and the proposal has now been put forward to Sandwell Leisure Trust which will run the leisure centre in High Bulken when it opens next month.

Councillor Costigan said: "I've put the proposal forward so we will have to see what they say but I can't see anyone objecting to it. I've spoken to Joel's mother Suzy and she said she thought it would be a wonderful tribute."

"Joel was very sporty so it seems very fitting to find a sports-related way of honouring him."

Former Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School pupil Joel, his uncle Adrian, 49, who worked at Sandwell Council and lived in Bilston, and his grandfather Patrick, 78, of Wednesbury, lost their lives in the attack in Sousse.

Joel's 16-year-old brother Owen was the only survivor of the family trip. On Sunday a football match was held in their honour at Pelsall Villa, with Walsall FC Legends beating Neil Baldwin FC 6-3.

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Pub to open doors for EDL on march

A PUB has agreed to host EDL members before they take part in a controversial protest this month.

The Oak Inn, on Green Street, will open its doors on August 15 for two hours ahead of the march.

More than 400 EDL protesters intend to join in the protest on the streets of Walsall.

Chief Inspector Martin Hurcomb, Walsall's local policing manager, said: "The licensee of the Oak Inn has agreed to host EDL protesters on the day of the planned protest in Walsall."

"West Midlands Police do not have any powers to stop any group drinking alcohol pre-protest but having one such venue makes absolute sense."

"We are grateful to the Oak Inn for opening their doors to the group."

The protesters claim the town has a child exploitation problem, although police have said those claims are 'simply untrue'.

The far-right group also assert there are areas in the town where non-Muslims are not allowed to go.

Ahead of the EDL's protest in Dudley in February, police organised for a nightclub to open early before the march.

SHOWBIZ

Blind Date bride says farewell to star Cilla

A WALSALL woman who became the first Blind Date bride has led the tributes to Cilla Black, who died on Sunday aged 72.

The popular entertainer, famous for presenting several hit shows including Surprise Surprise, died at her home in Spain.

Sue Middleton, of Pelsall, married Alex Tatham three years after appearing as Blind Date contestants in 1988, getting together despite living in different parts of the country.

Thousands of people turned out to see Cilla when she attended the couple's wedding three years later at St Michael and All Angels Church on the edge of Pelsall Common.

Mrs Middleton, aged 49, said: "I was so shocked to hear Cilla had died."

"She changed our lives forever. It was a joy to meet her and I came away with a husband which was an added bonus," she said.

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Staff pitch in to help cancer charity



WORKERS HomeServe and a Walsall Council raised vital funds for a cancer charity through a football match.

HomeServe United, made up of employees from the home assistance company's HQ, took on competitors from the council for Marie Curie.

More than 100 spectators joined the fun at Rushall Olympic Football Club, which kindly donated the pitch and facilities for the match, to watch HomeServe United with a 1-0 victory.

The match raised more than £500 for the charity. John Greaves, director of corporate affairs at HomeServe, said:

"We love being part of the Walsall community and it's great to see a team from another of the town's leading organisations, Walsall Council, join forces with us to raise funds for Marie Curie, who we've supported as our national charity partner for a number of years."

"Both teams showed fantastic spirit and it was brilliant to see so many spectators come along to watch the match and help us raise over £500 for Marie Curie."

HomeServe United's logistics manager, James Lingard said: "We play regularly as a team but we wanted to

do something special to raise funds for Marie Curie."

"My brother works at Walsall Council and plays for their team, so I got chatting to him about it and we came up with the idea. We are so pleased it was a success. The sun shone and we received great support from the local community, raising a fantastic amount for the charity too."

Marie Curie provides care and support to more than 40,000 people living with terminal illnesses out in the community or in one of its nine hospices.

Tragedy of mother sets off a safety campaign

A CAMPAIGN is under way to improve safety on a busy road where a young mother was killed and her sister seriously injured in a crash.

More than 100 people pledged to back the campaign to make improvements on the A34 Walsall Road, in Great Barr.

People want an end to illegal U-turns and other dangerous manoeuvres taking place at the Tower Hill junction near shops, a pub and restaurant.

It comes after Sarah Child, aged 26, was killed and her sister Claire serious injured after being struck by a car at the junction.

The driver, Amirul Islam, from Lozells, in Birmingham, was jailed for four years in 2013 after pleading guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.

Claire suffered nerve damage in her right leg as a result of the impact and was unable to walk on her own for two weeks.

Claire was unable to return to her sales job at a plumbing products supplier, where her sisters Sarah and Hannah also used to work.

Father-of-two Richard Evans, of Carmodale Avenue, has set up a Facebook campaign which has received more than 100 likes. The 31-year-old teaching assistant, said: "It is so dangerous and you hate to think what could happen."

"We don't want another tragic crash."

He said talks with Birmingham City Council were progressing well. A consultation is due to get under way over lowering the speed limit on the road through the Tower Hill area.

Walk for Rosie pulls in £9,500

AN annual charity walk in memory of a young girl stabbed to death in Birmingham 14 years ago has raised £9,500 so far this year.

Rosie's Walk was held at Aldridge Airport in Bosty Lane for Rosie's Helping Hands charity earlier this month.

Around 400 people took part in either the three-mile or one-mile walk this year.

The event has already raised £9,500 with sponsorship money still coming in.

The charity is dedicated to the life of Rosie Ross, who was killed in 2001 aged 16.

Rosie's Walk is the largest fundraising event organised by the charity and was set up by Rosie's parents Karen and Sean Ross in 2002.

Blaze started in fan at steel centre

TATA Steel had to be evacuated after a fire broke out.

Firefighters said the blaze at the Wednesfield steel factory was sparked in an extractor fan. Fire crews were called to the Steelpark and took around an hour to deal with the incident.

Work to transform Bell Inn reaches first phase

Call to cut problem down to size

IT looks more like a jungle than a field – yet not long ago it was an open park frequently used by dog walkers.

The vegetation is so overgrown at Ross Farm in Goscote, known locally as Swannies Field, it is now tall enough to cover a child.

The field was one of the sites which fell victim to Walsall Council's cutbacks in grass cutting earlier this year, saving up to £43,000.

Despite the now-ruling Tory party agreeing to reinstate a fortnightly grass service earlier this summer after a barrage of complaints – no action has taken place at the site in Goscote.

It means an area of Swannies Field has grown to up to four feet high and the majority of the rest at around one foot.

Blakenall ward councillor Pete Smith said he has been informed it could take several weeks until cutting is carried out.

He said: "Some of it that needs cutting is four foot high.

"It is like a jungle, it lends itself for people flying things as things can be chucked and be out of sight.

"If a dog goes in there it will be out of sight. It is an absolute disgrace.

"It will take some cutting because it has been left for so long.

"Swannies is a mess and an eyesore. The other side of the canal The Lea looks really good and has been looked after."

He added, although he applauded the decision by the Tory-run council to reverse Labour's cuts to grass cutting, it was taking too long.

The authority had previously warned it would take between four and six weeks to reinstate the fortnightly service.



Councillor Pete Smith, calling for grass to be cut at Swannies Field

WORK to transform one of the oldest pubs in the Black Country into a cafe and community centre has reached a major milestone, with the first phase now complete after months of delays.

The scheme to bring the Grade II-listed Bell Inn, in Market Place, Willenhall, back into use has been in the pipeline for years but work has suffered delays due to manufacturing and structural issues.

But developers have now announced the first phase in its renovation – making the building wind and water-tight – is complete and are now trying to secure financing for the next stage.

Roof and window repairs and replacement of the existing shop front with a more traditional design based on evidence provided from historic photos has now been completed. Further phases will bring the ground floor and the oldest part of the building into use as tea rooms or a micro brewery and community facilities.

To mark the occasion, Walsall's Mayor, Councillor Angela Underhill cut a ribbon at the site and civic dignitaries and other key figures involved in the project joined in the celebrations.

A consortium of Willenhall residents formed The Bell Group and bought the pub at auction in 2010.

The group recognised the historic value of the building to the town and wanted to halt its deterioration and bring it back into use for the community.

Rupy Pandaal, a member of the consortium, said: "We have had some real challenges in bringing this all together and we are delighted that our efforts over the past three years have finally seen phase one come to fruition. The Bell Inn is an iconic landmark in Willenhall having immense historic significance for the town. We are grateful for the encouragement we've had from the community and the council."

Wendy Evans, another of the partners, said: "It is great news at long last that we have brought the building back into use again and we plan to embark on phase two as quickly as possible." The iconic building, which has been a pub since 1660, includes oak beams in a former hay loft which date back to the 1580s.



Rupy Pandaal, Wendy Evans, and Ralph Jackson, celebrate with mayor Angela Underhill and consort John Underhill

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In demand HomeServe takes on 75 extra staff

WALSALL-BASED emergency response firm HomeServe has taken on more than 75 staff following a recruitment drive.

The company needed trainees, skilled tradesmen and call centre staff to cope with growing customer numbers. The firm opened its doors to more than 260 prospective candidates at a recruitment event.

HomeServe spokeswoman Stella Pitt said: "We have since recruited over 75 new colleagues into our business and are continuing to recruit for vacancies within our customer service and sales teams to start in autumn.

"We are looking for people who want to deliver an excellent customer experience, regardless of their work background. As a result, we have seen a diverse range of applicants from different business sectors, which all adds to the unique culture we are so proud of at HomeServe."

Richard Harpin, the company's founder who has become a multi-millionaire thanks to the success of HomeServe, had hailed its strong performance over the last year.

The firm provides insurance cover and household repairs for broken pipes, defective boilers and faulty electrics.

HomeServe employs more than 1,200 people at its Green Lane base.

Staff numbers have recovered since hundreds of jobs were lost during the mis-selling crisis in 2011 that resulted in a £30 million fine imposed by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) last year.

Deadline nears for art competition

BUDGING artists have until September 1 to submit entries for an art competition aiming to help people with experience of mental health issues.

The Dawn Jones Art Prize, now in its 10th year, invites people with experience of mental health issues to create artwork.

It is run by Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and over-18s from across Dudley and Walsall boroughs are urged to take part.

The two winners will receive £100 in vouchers, along with the opportunity for their work to be displayed long-term in a public building in either Dudley or Walsall.

Visit www.dwmh.nhs.uk/artprize for more information.

Delays after car and lorry collide

AN HGV and car were involved in a crash on the M6 which saw one lane closed and rush-hour delays. The accident happened on the southbound side near junction 10 for Walsall at around 4.10pm last Wednesday.

Town's past brought to life in display



Francesca Cox with a Bayard's Colt

FROM the lives of Walsall's well known sons and daughters to the mysterious Bayard's Colts, a new exhibition is bringing hundreds of years of the town's history back to life.

The Changing Face of Walsall exhibition has a new home, at Walsall Leather Museum, allowing people to come face to face with the area's rich heritage. It comes after Walsall Museum, in Lichfield Street, was closed, with exhibitions being moved to the Leather Museum, in Littleton Street.

Assistant Curator Francesca Cox said: "This is a celebration of Wal-

sall's history. It covers the story of Walsall's people, and it reflects their achievements and amazing skills.

"We've got a lot of local traditions here, some going back to the Middle Ages. Walsall people have made some very amazing things. There was a long list of Walsall firsts, including stainless steel."

"The fact that these things have gone worldwide proves that Walsall products have been some of the best in the world."

As well as industrial relics from Walsall's past, the exhibition includes

clothing of the 1930s from Willenhall's Hodson Shop, and special displays commemorate the lives of Sister Dora, Seaman Carless VC and Willenhall-born author Jerome K Jerome.

Visitors will also get a chance to see

the five of the 17 mysterious Bayard's Colts.

The long clubs with carved heads or weapons at the top were carried as part of the mayoral procession for the opening of markets and fairs, and could date back to the 16th Century.

The exhibition is on display until October 31. Admission is free.

Bull terrier dog that bit dancers to be put down

A STAFFORDSHIRE bull terrier which attacked and injured two Morris dancers during an event in Walsall town centre will be put down - while its owner has been spared jail.

Matthew Spooner, who was given a suspended sentence, was also banned from owning a dog for at least seven years.

Amanda Wearing and Geraldine Cale, who are members of the Glorishears of Brummagem, were dancing at the annual Walking the Fair procession on April 24, when the dog slipped its lead and went after them outside St. Paul's Street.

Mrs Cale suffered a bruise and two puncture wounds while Mrs Wearing had to have three stitches in her ankle after sustaining a cut.

Spooner had pleaded guilty to two counts of owning a dog dangerously out of control causing injury. During a hearing at Walsall Magistrates Court, District Judge Michael Morris ordered that the dog Tia should be destroyed in the interest of public safety.

Spooner, who was admitting to shoplifting from two shops while he was on bail for dangerous dog charges, was given an 18-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months on Friday.

Affect

The case had been held up for several weeks after Spooner claimed he had given away the dog and police had actually seized its sister, which officers disproved.

Adam Muhammed, defending, said Spooner required treatment for medical issues and a previous drug problem as well as arguing that imprisonment would affect his four children.

The solicitor added that his client had been 'getting his life together' and was someone 'worth taking a risk on'.

Judge Morris agreed that Spooner would be better off receiving help from the probation service rather than being in prison and ordered him to attend a 40-day rehabilitation programme.

Father-of-four Spooner, aged 35 from Burrowes Street, was also ordered to pay £500 in compensation to the victims, an £80 victim surcharge, £85 prosecution costs, £150 criminal court charges and £140 to replace items he shoplifted on July 6. That day he stole £120 worth of clothes from TK Maxx and two action figures worth £20 from Smyths Toys, both based at Crown Wharf.



Lara Clarke with her cake bust of actor Daniel Radcliffe as the boy wizard Harry Potter, made to mark JK Rowling's 50th birthday

Wizard creation to mark birthday

BROWNHILLS baker Lara Clarke doesn't need a wand to perform magic just a few ingredients and a bag of icing sugar. The cook's latest spellbinding creation is a lifesize bust of actor Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter.

Her chocolate confection celebrated author JK Rowling's 50th birthday, which was on July 31, the same as the eponymous hero of her books, and is part of a bigger cake project by a worldwide collaboration of food artists.

She watched DVDs of the Harry Potter films for inspiration and her sugar artwork took 10 hours to complete. The Brownhills baker was catapulted into the limelight two years ago when her 5ft 5in captain Jack Sparrow replica won gold at the NEC's top Cake International Show in Birmingham.

Her latest project was launched online by the Birthday Mischief Managed collaboration which boasts some of the world's most esteemed food artists. The 29-year-old was invited to take part on the strength of her headline-grabbing creations, all made at home in Hussey Road.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patient falling numbers on rise

THE number of patients suffering falls in Walsall has been higher than expected in the last year, prompting improvement action.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust reported there were 729 patients treated for falls during 2014/15, above the target of no more than 652.

A range of improvements have taken place including new care plans, further staff training and more prevention aids.

As part of its annual plan the trust said: "During 2015/16 we will be maintaining our focus on falls reduction."

Inquest opens on father's drowning

AN inquest has opened into the death of a father from Walsall who died in Cumbria while trying to save his young daughter.

Dean John Price, aged 32, of Willenhall Lane, died at the River Esk in Longtown on June 30.

His seven-year-old daughter Delilah survived thanks to off-duty firefighter Geoff Maxwell, who heard the family screaming for help, while working on a house nearby.

The inquest, which was opened at the Coroner's Court in Cockermouth, was adjourned until November 24.

Talented pupils raise church cash

TALENTED youngsters showcased their star qualities to raise money for a local church.

Pupils from Walsall Wood School held a Stars in their Eyes talent competition, raising more than £500.

Judge Rev Nigel Carter, gratefully received a £55 donation for the High Street church.

Chris Hearsey and Lizzie Bailey, members of staff at the Brownhills Road school, also grabbed the mic to take part.

Close down date for Marks clearance store

MARKS & Spencer will close its Walsall clearance store next month, bosses have announced.

The outlet, in the Boundary Mill store at Bentley Mill Way, will close on September 26. The 21st staff will be offered positions at nearby stores.

Spokesman Berry Yirrell said: "This decision is not one we have taken lightly and we will be offering positions for all of our colleagues in other stores across the local area."

Animals cause cash

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Walsall last month to raise money for Compassion in World Farming, Britain's leading farm animal welfare organisation. The £130.92 raised will enable Compassion in World Farming to continue to campaign for increased standards of farm animal welfare.

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New nurses at hospital drafted in from Italy

ITALIAN nurses have been taken on at Walsall Manor Hospital following a new recruitment drive – with all new staff due to be in place in September.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust revealed earlier this year it would look overseas to recruit registered nurses in a £3.5 million investment plan.

It has now been confirmed that 30 have been recruited from Italy, along with 50 from within the UK.

A further 21 midwives have also been brought in as the trust looks to cut down the amount of money spent on temporary workers.

A report from director of nursing Kathryn Halford to the trust board said: "As a result of the investment in nursing and midwifery agreed by the board, 30 ward nurses and 21 midwives have been recruited from Italy to supplement the 50 nurses recruited from the UK."

"These numbers will ensure that all posts in the wards will be filled by the end of September."

"The first three Italian nurses have already started in the wards."

The hospital also agreed to the recruitment of 35 care support workers in a bid to boost numbers of staff.

It is the first time the trust has hit abroad to get in workers in a decade.

The recruitment of new nurses will help bosses to reduce the amount spent on bank, locum and agency workers which has regularly hit £1.5m a month.

Overall, it came to around £20m in 2014/15.

Housing staff get spades out

STAFF from Walsall Housing Group swapped their screens for spades as part of a community project.

The 19-strong team from the group's business improvement and communications teams spent eight hours building two raised beds and two planters from scratch at Goscole Greenacres.

A total of 40 railway sleepers, 12 tons of soil and muscle power was used to create additional space to grow flowers, vegetables and fruit.

The housing association also contributed £775 towards funding the purchase of the materials.

Kieran Larkin, director of business excellence at the housing group, said: "It was a great day and we all enjoyed working together."

Two injured as car overturns

TWO people were taken to hospital after a car overturned following a crash in Bloxwich. Emergency services were called to the scene in Elmore Green Road just before 4.30pm on Saturday.

Facebook drugs seller behind bars

A MAN who saw class A drugs thrown from a car being chased by police later tried to sell them over Facebook, a court heard.

Paul McIver even put a image of himself holding the bag of ecstasy tablets on the website and posted £5 each in Walsall. He later admitted possessing 50 of the tablets and a small amount of cocaine.

During a sentence hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court, prosecutor Robert Cowley said he could not be sure McIver, of Littlewood Lane, Cheslyn Hay, had sold any of the drugs.

Officers were first alerted to the drugs after McIver, aged 28, contacted police on October 4 last

year asking for help in retrieving personal items he had left at a house.

McIver told police after reacting badly to drugs he had consumed at the property he had been forced to 'escape' after others there had refused to call an ambulance. Mr Cowley said after being treated at hospital McIver returned to collect £65 he had left under a mattress, only to be confronted by a man with a knife.

It was then he contacted the police, who attended the house and next to the money found a bag containing 50 ecstasy tablets, worth around £250, and just under 0.3 grams of cocaine, worth £20.

The owner of the home then showed police the comments McIver had made on Facebook in which he explained he had witnessed drugs being thrown from a car being chased along Birmingham New Road in Wolverhampton.

Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said: "It was my client's call to the police to help him get his money which led them to find the drugs and led them to examine his phone and what was on Facebook. It is clear the offence was born out of naivety. The drugs literally fell in his lap." Recorder Nigel Baker QC sentenced McIver to a total of 30 months for two counts of possessing class A drugs.

Couple's memories of 'fairy godmother' Cilla

THE first couple to wed after appearing on Cilla Black's *Blind Date* have paid tribute to the showbiz legend who died on Sunday – fondly calling her their 'fairy godmother'.

Sue Middleton married Alex Tatham in Walsall in 1991 after the pair met on the TV show three years earlier.

The couple joined the many fans and showbiz stars paying tribute to the 1960s pop star turned television presenter who died suddenly at her home in Estepona on the Costa del Sol yesterday, aged 72.

The couple, who appeared on the hit show in 1988, said their 'wonderful' life together would not have happened without Cilla.

"We were absolutely devastated to hear Cilla had died," said Mr Tatham. "It is absolutely awful. She was such a lovely lady and a fairy godmother to us. I really cannot believe it."

"Even recently I used to see her now and then and she was always so nice and so pleased to see us and delighted that we were still happily married."

Cilla, born in Liverpool as Priscilla Maria Veronica White, became one of the nation's favourite entertainers after transforming herself from a successful singer in the 1960s to the front woman on shows such as *Blind Date* and *Surprise! Surprise!*

An associate of The Beatles and their manager Brian Epstein in the early 1960s, she scored two number ones in 1964 – *Anyone Who Had A Heart* and *You're My World* – as well as enjoying many other hits, before going on to concentrate on TV.

She went on to host more than 500 editions of her programmes and was the first woman to have her own primetime chat show on BBC1.

Mr Tatham has fond memories of meeting the TV star for the first time.

He said: "I was 23 when I appeared on *Blind Date*. I remember she would put the boys firmly in their place and was perhaps a little more supportive of the girls and made sure that they stuck up for themselves."

"Ultimately she made the show fun to be on and was keen too to see everyone in the green room after filming had finished."

"She wanted to hear how people were getting on and was genuinely happy when the couples made it work."

After hitting it off on the show Mr Tatham, 50, and Mrs Middleton, 49, married in October 1991 at St Michael and All Angels Church, Pelsall. Mrs Middleton's family still live in the Walsall area. Cilla turned up in her famous floppy hat, and police had to put up crash bars



The happy couple seen during their big day with Cilla back in October 1991 at the church in Pelsall



The showbiz legend, who was 72



Sue and Alex met in 1988



The couple now, with two children

riars to cope with the 3,000 well-wishers who turned out. Mr Tatham added: "She made the effort to say some lovely things to us. She was remarkable. I think she was just so happy that *Blind Date* had created a fairytale."

"The fact is it did create one. We have been married 24 years and we have got two lovely children. We have had an absolutely wonderful life and that would not have happened without her. The vicar for the wedding was Rev David Mawson. He too spoke fondly of Cilla."

He said: "She was a Liverpudlian character who became a national treasure – a real pro."

"The wedding was the big event in the life of the parish and Cilla's team put everything they had into making it a great day for Alex and Sue."

After tying the knot the couple moved to London but would still see Cilla at the Henley Festival where she continued to take an interest in their relationship.

Cilla – who suffered from hearing problems and arthritis – died on Sunday after flying to Spain with her son Robert.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£540,000 floodlit hockey facility

A NEW £540,000 floodlit hockey pitch will open this month to sports clubs and residents in Sandwell, Walsall and Birmingham.

It has been created at the Aston University Recreation Centre in Birmingham Road and will be home to Aldridge and Walsall Hockey Club, West Bromwich Hockey Club, Rushall Olympic Football Club and F.C. Premer.

As well as Aston University students, the new facility will also be available for hire by schools and colleges and for recreational users.

Drug use rife in alleyway, claim

REIDENTS claim an alleyway in Walsall has become a no-go area after being used as a haunt for prostitutes and drug users.

Concerns have been raised about activities at the footpath between Wednesbury Road and Corporation Street West.

Palfrey councillor Allah Ditta is leading calls for gates to be installed and locked at each end at nights. The matter is being raised through the council.

Resident Matloob Hussain said the problem was getting worse each day.

Close pubs call over EDL march

THE police are being urged to use powers to shut pubs when an EDL march is held in Walsall next month.

Around 400 EDL protesters are expected to take part in a demonstration in Walsall town centre on August 15.

Councillor Sean Coughlan said powers were available to the police to close premises if there is a likelihood of disorder. He said: "For the protection of the public and police officers I think we should look at closing pubs in the town centre."

Major blaze at unit is confirmed as arson

A blaze that gutted an industrial unit in Walsall has been confirmed as arson.

West Midlands Police has now launched an investigation into the blaze which happened in Willenhall Lane, Bloxwich, last week.

Flames leapt 40ft into the air from the single-storey business when the first crews arrived at Die Cutting Formes at around 2.40am.

Anyone with information can call 101.

Busy road to shut

WATER works repairs will cause month long roadworks on a busy road in Aldridge. South Staffordshire Water will start work on the B4154 Bosty Lane, between the junctions of Midlemore Lane West and Park Road on August 12. The work is expected to take until September 6 to finish.

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Pubs losing out as big companies set up shop

WHEN John Pickup saved his local pub near Bridgnorth, he had a simple rationale for his efforts: "If we didn't do something, we would have ceased to be a village, we would have become just a collection of houses."

Our community pubs are the fabric of British society, the glue that binds our towns and villages together.

And according to the Campaign for Real Ale, pubs in the West Midlands are still closing at the rate of around six a week.

Now I'm not one of those diehards who believe it is a tragedy whenever a pub shuts its doors.

Let's be honest, while we may have lost many excellent pubs over the past 10 years or so, but we have already lost some pretty dreadful ones.

You know the sort I mean, the nondescript boozers, often staffed by a succession of short-term managers, the sort that specialise in stale cobs, bland lager, and an occasional knuckle sandwich just after last orders. Should we really mourn their passing?

But the sad thing is that, as the economy picks up, it is not just the failing pubs which are under threat, but the thriving, popular ones too.

The Seven Stars in Sedgley and the Hasbury Inn in Halesowen are both popular, well-frequented pubs in pleasant, close-knit communities.

They are not at risk of closure because they struggle to pull in the punters, but simply because the sites they occupy are more valuable to the supermarket giants.

The battle over the Seven Stars seems to have been rumbling on for years. The local authority refused planning permission, so the Morrison's simply got the decision overturned by Whitehall, just 10 years after being told to relinquish its supermarket in the village centre by the Monopolies Commission.

So much for localism and devolution.

And there will then be tough times indeed for the long-established independent convenience stores in the two neighbouring roads. Look, I'm all for free enterprise, but something isn't working when thriving small businesses are just brushed aside like this.

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SHE insists she was just looking after her teeth, but Clare Embleton has now had to have metal plates inserted into her face after chewing gum for seven hours a day wore her jaw out.

Alex Ferguson seems to have got off lightly, doesn't he?

■ ■ ■

AMERICAN dentist Walter Palmer seems to have united the world in disgust over his cowardly slaughter of Cecil, the much-loved lion on Zimbabwe. Just as well no other barbaric brutality goes on in that country, isn't it?



Stuart Bentley, left and friend Nathan Black



Beth Dykes' parents Jim and Mandy Walker



Mandy Walker with daughter Beth on holiday

Vital decision that can transform lives

With numbers falling, **JACK AVERTY** reports on the importance of leaving a life-changing legacy – donating an organ

"DONATING an organ is the best legacy you can leave behind as in death you will create life for someone else."

That is the view of Brownhills resident Nathan Black who is currently on the 6,000 strong waiting list for a kidney transplant.

Mr Black's emotional statement comes as recent figures revealed that 181 West Midlands residents have died in the past five years waiting for a transplant, whilst the number of organ donors across the UK has fallen for the first time in more than a decade.

The recently released Organ Donation and Transplantation Activity Report 2014/15 also revealed that, when approached, four out of 10 families refuse to give permission for their organs to be donated.

Last year 41 people in the West Midlands benefited from a living donor transplant where donors gave a kidney or part of their liver.

Difficult

Mr Black said: "I think if people were aware of the impact donating an organ would have and the fact it changes the recipient's and their family's lives then more people would donate. When people die the hospitals are faced with asking a really difficult question to their families."

Mr Black's mother originally donated a kidney to him, but after three ultrasound scans, a biopsy, an MRI and an angiogram, it was revealed his new kidney was being starved of blood and was dying.

After having that kidney removed, he is currently waiting to receive a second transplant, this time from his best friend Stuart Bentley. After originally being told it could go ahead, he now has to wait to find out if the cysts on Stuart's kidney are dangerous or not.



Nathan Black was first donated a kidney by his mother Adrianne but it was later removed

He said: "They need to make sure they don't take a kidney out that there could be problems with later. It could set us back but we are keeping positive."

Mr Black expects to hear back on the danger of the cysts at the end of this month but he is remaining upbeat about his chances of a successful transplant.

He said: "We are all pretty confident that the cysts are just routine, Stuart is pretty fit and healthy. Once we hear back on the results of the second scan then it goes to the medical board for a decision. If there's no more complications then hopefully I can get my transplant in September."

Last year saw 4,431 organ transplants take place across the UK compared to 4,655 the year before.

This drop of 224, or five per cent, is the first for 11 years. The figures come from the Organ

Donation and Transplantation Activity Report 2014/15 which suggests that the reason for this drop is because of fewer people dying in circumstances where they could donate and that there has been no increase in the rate of people signing up to give consent for their organs to be used if they die.

But the report also states that, in circumstances where a decision to donate was known, 120 families felt unable to honour their loved one's decision to donate, denying them their dying wish to save others after their death.

Jim Walker and his wife Mandy, of Skip Lane, Walsall, lost their daughter Beth Dykes last year to a sudden brain haemorrhage and were faced with the question of whether to donate Beth's organs or not.

However Mr Walker said his daughter, a former Great Barr High School pupil, had made her feelings clear previously that she wished

to donate – meaning the tough question was slightly easier to answer at such an emotional time. He said: "The fact that we had this conversation with Beth and we knew her wishes made it slightly easier to make a tough decision when you're in no fit state to make such a decision."

Mr and Mrs Walker now run a website in Beth's memory encouraging people to talk about organ donation. In the wake of these figures Mr Walker encouraged families to have the organ donation discussion.

He said: "The most important thing is people realising they have to discuss organ donation with their family at some point."

"The truth is there's never a good time to have the conversation. At birthdays, Christmases, a family barbecue, the last thing on people's mind's is organ donation and that's completely fair enough but it is a conversation families must have sooner rather than later."

"I don't think people realise how many lives they impact by donating their organs. Everyone who receives an organ has a father, mother, auntie, uncle, grandad, grandmother etc, it affects so many people."

Grateful

Sally Johnson, the director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplants, said: "We are truly grateful to the families of the 1,282 deceased donors and to each of the 1,092 living donors who made transplants possible last year. Their donations allowed more than 4,400 people to get the organ transplant they've been waiting for to save or vastly improve their lives."

"We have always known that because the opportunities to donate are so small, it is essential to increase the number of people who say yes to organ donation."

"We understand that families are expected to consider donation in their darkest hour so we would remind everyone to tell those closest to you now if you want to donate your organs – and then record that decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Should the time come, your family will know you want to donate your organs to help to save others."

"The decreases we can see across all types of organ transplant will lead to more deaths if we do not reverse this trend going forward."



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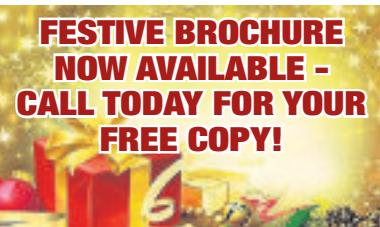
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Young queen blameless over salute

THE then six or seven-year-old Princess Elizabeth was clearly blameless in giving the Nazi salute. A little girl of that age could have had no understanding of politics. That's really all that needs to be said about the present Queen's part in the family film.

The same cannot be said for the adults in the film, nor for the unidentified amateur cinematographer who recorded the event. In his column, Peter Rhodes leaps on the bandwagon exonerating the royal family with claims that Hitler was as yet an unknown quantity or was perceived as a bulwark

against Communism. Nonsense! By 1933, Hitler was well known.

Mein Kampf had been published in two volumes in 1925 and 1926. The Windsors (formerly the Saxe-Coburgs) were probably the family with the highest proportion of fluent German speakers in this country, and could readily find out what was happening in Germany. Hitler had borrowed the 'Roman salute' from his pal Mussolini, whose thuggish regime had been in power since 1922.

A similar party had been in power in Portugal since 1926, and was to prove

that Hitler was as yet an unknown quantity or was perceived as a bulwark

Action on hostility to nurses

WITH regards to the 'Respect Us' campaign launched by the Manor Hospital, I find it a poor response to any of my calls against this.

Surely everyone does not want to see those looking after our nearest and dearest treated in such a way that they resign from their post and work elsewhere - causing staff shortages and a search through Europe for replacements?

The average nurse works a 12 hour or more shift and is exposed to hostile relatives almost every single day whilst others in the health service succumb to suicidal thoughts. When are we going to see some progress?

I am conducting research into how this is affecting nurses and would like to hear from staff and their experiences. They can e-mail me at susiestroud@hotmail.co.uk - all correspondence will be treated confidentially.

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Make inspections more stringent

RECENTLY I have been corresponding with the Department of Education over their involvement with the failing Walsall schools and the closure of the engineering college in Bloxwich, opened just three years ago at a cost of £9.5m

The reasons given were difficulties with pupil recruitment and poor academic performance.

The indications are that whether the establishments are local government or national government controlled they can still fail to meet Ofsted's standard requirements.

The question is: What methods are in place to ensure that the candidates for leadership and staff, are competent for the task? From my own experiences, in engineering design and in education, there are those with the required academic capability, but lack the necessary personal characteristics to make their contribution.

In teaching, pupils need to have their confidence in their own abilities encouraged, together with respect for those teaching or working with them. In order to change the existing culture of accepting failing education in Walsall schools, I am asking the Department of Education to be more stringent, and increase the frequency, of inspections.

R HAMMOND
Aldridge

No peaceful shopping expedition

IT'S hopeful to see that at last Walsall Council is (maybe) going to do something about the ever growing litter problem in the town centre.

I rang them some time ago and was told it was no worse than Sutton Coldfield or anywhere else! Are they blind? On one recent Saturday it was horrendous with rubbish, food containers and carrier bags flying about in the wind. It was thoroughly disgusting.

I hope they don't just deal with dog fouling as that's not the real problem.

The other problem is the people shouting religion, sometimes with loud hailer. They are very aggressive to anyone that complains.

Can't we have any peace from buskers, religious speakers and people accosting us every few yards for money for numerous charities?

What happened to a nice quiet shopping expedition?

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Horse rides to rescue of abandoned puppies

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Pub landlady Janine Jeffery was out riding with her friend, Cyrus's owner, on Slacky Lane Common.

Mrs Jeffery, who runs the Queens in Norton Road, Pelsall said: "Cyrus started throwing a fit at the sight of a cardboard box lying on the ground.

He would not go past it and caused such a stir that it disturbed something inside the box which started to move.

"We dismounted, checked what it was and found five adorable puppies. They would have died without Cyrus.

"We would have ridden straight past because there was nothing to indicate there was anything inside until the horse kicked off."

Desolate

"We would not have gone past the scene on the way home at the end of our ride."

"It is a desolate spot and it is highly unlikely anybody else would have seen the box before it was too late to save the puppies."

The pups were taken back to the stables of her friend in Brewers Drive and put down in the straw overnight.

Mrs Jeffery and her friend have now found new homes for all the puppies, believed to be terrier crosses.

She explained: "We were overwhelmed with offers after putting out an appeal on Facebook."

She added they would also like to reunite a stray Bichon, which had taken to the puppies, with its previous owner.

CAMPAIGNS to raise cash for children with cerebral palsy have been boosted by a project launched by Walsall College and the town's arts festival.

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The family of Lillie Scott, four, need

to raise almost £7,000 for an 'Eye Gaze' computer which will help her communicate in the future.

Business studies students Izabela Dzierzak, Saahil Imran, George Stanton and Sam Lenton, all aged 17, put their business acumen and interpersonal skills into action.

Money was also raised towards Burton youngster Ollie Dodds's life-changing surgery. The funds will be split equally between each appeal with each getting more than £660 each.



Janine Jeffery with one of the abandoned puppies that was discovered by Cyrus

Boost for youngsters

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10 Just the ticket for return of service



Susan Laywood, Irene Peace and Liz Fraser, with councillors Ian Robertson and Ann Young, plus residents

CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating a new bus route which started this week, after a service vital for elderly passengers was axed. The number 19 Arriva bus previously stopped along Forest Lane, near Dartmouth Avenue.

But changes to the weight limit of a bridge from 11 tons to three tons meant buses could no longer gain access. After a 500-strong petition and complaints from locals, Walsall Council took another look at the issue and worked with transport companies to

reinstate a previously used route. Deputy leader, Councillor Adrian Andrew, said: "I can see the inconvenience this has caused and I empathise with those residents affected. We have already reviewed the option to permit buses up to 6.5 tons to continue using the bridge but unfortunately this cannot be achieved safely."

"However, I can report on a positive note that council officers have been in detailed discussions with Centro and the bus operator Arriva regarding

routing the No 19 onto a previously used route for this service.

"This alternative route will take in Forest Lane, Webster Road, Rutherford Street, Beddoes Road, Lavender Grove and Dartmouth Close to join up with Dartmouth Avenue."

Blakennall Councillor Ann Young, who had warned about the risks of removing such an important service, said: "I'm very pleased that the concerns of these elderly people have been addressed."



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New chief constable is sought

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David Jamieson announced on Friday the £185,000-a-year role is now being advertised, having made the decision to accelerate the process following discussions with the public.

The current Chief Constable, Chris Sims, will be retiring early next year after six years in the role.

Mr Jamieson said: "This is an incredibly important time for West Midlands Police and I am keen to make sure that the handover period is as long as possible, between the current Chief Constable and the next."

The Chief Constable will be based in Birmingham and be paid £185,000 plus benefits. Applications will close on August 28, with short listing in early September. Contact www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk

Warehouse plan lodged at site of old foundry

A FORMER industrial site which has been standing empty for more than five years could be transformed under new regeneration plans.

Proposals have been lodged for warehouses at the old Ductile Wesson site in Mexley.

The previous foundry shut in 2009 with the loss of 150 jobs.

British Airways Pension Trustees Ltd is poised to breathe new life into the site after plans were lodged with Walsall Council to build two warehouses, three-storey office blocks, car parking and service yards at the site in Bull Lane.

The plans state that the development will increase job opportunities in the area.

Planners at Walsall Council will make a decision in the coming months, but councillors have welcomed the news.

Speculative

Economy and development chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "I'm delighted these plans have come in, particularly for that part of the borough. It will bring local jobs as well, even in the construction phase."

The floor area for both buildings amounts to nearly 226,225sq ft, although the scheme has been described as speculative with the likely split of uses currently unknown.

The plans would also create 154 car parking spaces and more than 100 bays for bulls, motorcycles and disabled parking.

A report lodged with the planning application states: "The proposed buildings will increase the range and diversity of employment opportunities."

The site was originally developed in the 1830s as the Albert & Victoria Iron Works which were taken over by W. Wesson in the 1890s. Victoria Ironworks was acquired by William Henry Wesson in 1898. Ultimately this became Ductile Wesson and was owned by Niagara LaSalle (UK) Ltd. The site has been vacant since 2009 when the foundry was closed and in 2011 the former foundry buildings were demolished to ground level.

Gearing up for dual event



Karen Waple from Aldridge Running Club, who has organised a duathlon event on September 27 around Walsall Arboretum

KEEN athletes can pound the ground on foot and by bike as a club organises its first duathlon.

Aldridge Running Club is hosting its first such event at Walsall Arboretum on September 27 from 8.30am. It will comprise two 5k runs, either side of a 20k ride. It is open to anyone aged 16 and above and costs up to £25 with a day licence to compete.

Karen Waple, who is helping to

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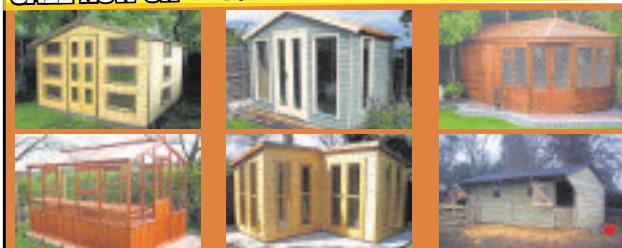
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Leisure centre reaches closing stages



On the site of the new building are Mark Wildman, Sandwell Leisure Trust marketing and business manager, with Councillors Olwen Jones, Elaine Costigan, Peter Hughes, Syeda Khutun and Steve Eling, deputy council leader

CONSTRUCTION of a new £8.1 million leisure centre in Wednesbury is reaching its final stages.

After a fire gutted the remains of the old Wednesbury Leisure Centre sports hall in 2014, proposals for a brand new site needed to be revised.

Initially, the original multi-million pound plan was to build a new swimming pool alongside the old hall, connecting past and present.

However, the scheme's planners were forced into a rethink after the blaze – believed to be arson – gutted the derelict site in High Bullen.

This meant an extra £900,000 had to be earmarked for the new centre, and the process was delayed as the old site needed to be knocked down before construction started from scratch.

Work on the site should be finished in the next month or so, with the opening date for residents drawing ever nearer in October.

Sandwell deputy leader Councillor Steve Eling said: "The sheer amount



The new leisure centre building

of equipment will be quite amazing. This is going to be a big place for Wednesbury town and also the surrounding areas.

"It shows the council's commitment to having good quality local facilities – and good quality well-used facilities. "What we had previously in Wednesbury were two pools and a sports hall.

"It will still have those, but they're brand new and it will also have a new

100-station fitness suite and dance studio."

Councillor Syeda Khutun, cabinet member for leisure and the voluntary sector, said: "It's fabulous and is such an opportunity for local people who probably haven't had new buildings and new facilities for many years.

"Sandwell Council's aim is to improve leisure facilities. We've done that in the past couple of years but we have ambitions to do more as well."

According to Councillor Elaine Costigan, Wednesbury residents are looking forward to taking advantage of the new facilities.

She said: "The old building was burned down so badly that they couldn't do anything with it."

"That was why it was demolished and they had to start from the ground up."

"The new centre is really going to be great."

"The feeling I get from people is that they just can't wait for it to be open."

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Junior chess club is an award winner



Eunice and Ray Dolan with National Junior Champions Alex Dino, age six, Krishan Patel, eight, Dylan Rehman, seven, ATTENTIVE children, caring parents and remembering it's a game - that's what the people behind the new Chess Club of the Year say has made them a success.

Bloxwich Junior Chess Club, based at Ryecroft Community Hub in Coalpool, recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, but the biggest surprise was around the corner.

Organisers Ray and Eunice Dolan had no idea they were in the running for the award, given out at a meeting of the North Staffs and District Chess Association earlier this month.

Mr Dolan said: "We're still getting emails and texts a week later."

"You've got all the clubs in Staffordshire in the running, nobody expects a junior club to win."

"Chess is very good for children. It's a game of concentration, of planning, and it's a game of silence, which the parents love."

Mrs Dolan said everyone involved in the club has a great attitude.

"I'm over the moon that the children want to come and that they listen when they get there," she added.

Search Bloxwich Junior Chess Club on Facebook.

Stations to be improved under new rail scheme

TWO train stations in Walsall could be expanded and improved, under new plans.

Walsall Railway Station will see an increase in its capacity to cope with new services and provide faster links to and from Wolverhampton. Meanwhile, transport authority Centro has revealed a £75,000 scheme to make improvements at Bescot Railway Station.

By Lisa O'Brien

new services, as well as accommodate a potential rapid transit service between Walsall and Wolverhampton.

"Direct travel between Walsall town centre and Wolverhampton city centre is limited by public transport to bus travel.

"This journey of 35 minutes could be reduced to 15 minutes by introducing a rapid transit service between the two strategic centres.

The action plan which has been drawn up says it will also bring potential for services to destinations further afield to be introduced.

It states: "Along with improvements to rail services, Walsall train station would also require its capacity to be increased to facilitate



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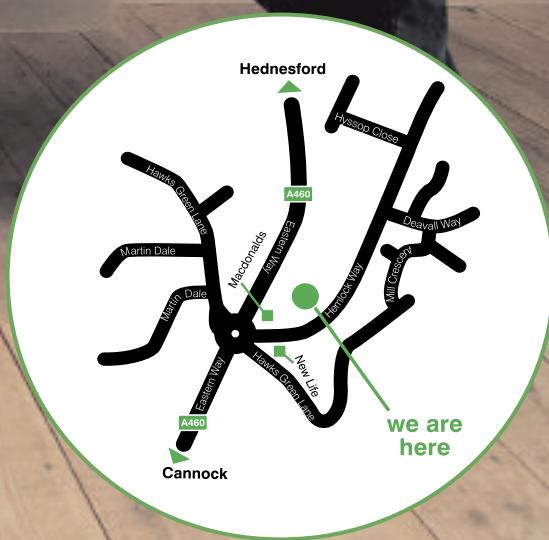
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Reg literally fell for his future bride



Reg and Brenda Madeley from Ashmore Lake Road, Willenhall, celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

REG Madeley was literally swept off his feet when meeting his teenage sweetheart – and today he is still madly in love with wife Brenda, celebrating 60 years of marriage.

Mr Madeley tripped up some steps and stumbled in front of his future wife after plucking up the courage to ask for a dance at Walsall Town Hall.

Rather than help him up, Mrs Brenda stood and laughed, sparking a bond between the teenagers which saw them court for four years before tying the knot at Walsall Register Office in 1955.

Now, the couple live in Ashmore Lake Road, Willenhall. Mr Madeley, aged 80, said: "It might have started a bit stumbling but over 60 years later here we are."

"We were only 15 and 16 at the time but we married four years later. I wouldn't have had it any other way."

Mr Madeley attended Hillary Street School in Walsall before joining the army after his marriage. He later worked as a plumber, an engineer and in a post office.

Mrs Madeley went to RC Thomas School in Bloxwich. She left at 14 and began working in leather factories. The couple had three children, Stuart, 41, Wayne, 54, and Jan, 58.

Patients benefitting from new Manor unit

A NEW surgical assessment unit at Walsall Manor Hospital is already benefitting patients with reduced waiting times and same day discharges just weeks after it opened, bosses revealed.

Nine trollies and a waiting area have been created which mean people no longer have to sit in a GP waiting area until a bed becomes available.

Patients are now seen and reviewed by a consultant surgeon and discharged home with a planned theatre date and day case emergency surgical cases are able to go to theatre in the morning.

The pilot surgical assessment unit was developed by consultant Steve Odogwu to tackle unnecessary hospital surgical admissions as well as improve the experience of patients.

Mr Odogwu, who has been developing the pilot with Sarah Addison, clinical director for general surgery, said early feedback and results were "encouraging".

He said: "We shared patients' frustration at long waits for beds and wanted to look at a different way of

working that would bring about an improvement.

"The progress made so far is encouraging and patients have told us that they are being seen more quickly. Importantly, they also feel that communication around their treatment and care has improved."

Patients using the surgical assessment unit will require surgery for conditions including hernias, gallstones and abscesses.

Miss Addison added: "The unit also provides an emergency clinic which means patients who are clinically fit for discharge can attend this clinic in the days following their surgery for diagnostic and blood investigations."

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Saddlers legends are on target in fans' memory

FOOTBALL fans enjoyed an afternoon of sunshine and nine goals as Walsall legends took to the field for a match in memory of three Black Country victims of the Tunisian beach attack.

The game, which was held at Pelsall Villa yesterday, kicked off after a minute's silence as saw the Walsall FC Legends team take on The Neil Baldwin Football Club.

The match was organised through the Walsall Supporters Trust.

It was organised in honour of Joel Richards, aged 19, of Wednesbury, his uncle and Sandwell Council worker Adrian Evans, 49, of Bilston and grandfather Patrick Evans, 78, of Wednesbury.

The Walsall Legends team won the match 6-3 with goalscorers including Tony Millard and David Moli. Former players including Mark Taylor and Andy Reece also joined the team, while Walsall FC player Amadou Bakayoko was in the stands enjoying the match.

Refereeing

Joel's mother Suzanne who was at the match with her son Owen, a survivor of the attack, said: "Joel was all about football, he absolutely loved refereeing, it was his dream job. We just think it's lovely that people are doing this for them, people are so kind."

Steve Davies, secretary of the Walsall Supporters Trust, said: "The legends are great, they turn up every time I organise a game and give their time for nothing. I appreciate the fact that people turned out."

Neil Baldwin rose to national fame following the broadcast of the BBC's BAFTA Award winning programme 'Marvellous' in September 2014, which charted his rise from Circus Clown to Stoke City kitman. He said: "I think it is a great privilege to get a team out today because it is so sad



Former Walsall FC player Mark Taylor in action during the match



Walsall FC's Amadou Bakayoko was there supporting the cause



Adrian Evans, who was 49



Joel Richards, aged 19



Patrick Evans, aged 78

what happened." Joel, his uncle and grandfather were killed in Sousse when the attack took place on June 26.

Money raised from yesterday's event, which also included a raffle, will go towards the fund set up in memory of Joel. Last month, friends of Joel took to the field for a football match in his memory. More than 200 people gathered to watch on the sidelines.

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Meningitis tests call by mother



Charlotte and Stewart Heath with daughter Aimee

A MOTHER whose newborn baby contracted meningitis has backed a campaign calling on the NHS to inform pregnant women about group B Strep and offer them a chance to be tested. Group B Strep is the most common cause of life-threatening infection in newborn babies and of meningitis in babies up to the age of three months, passing from mother to baby around labour and birth.

The Why Guess? campaign, launched by charity Group B Strep Support, wants to stop health professionals having to guess whether a woman is carrying the potentially deadly group B Strep bacteria and start using the group B Strep-specific (ECM) test late in pregnancy. Charlotte Heath, of Cheslyn Hay, is backing the campaign. The 26-year-old's daughter Aimee, who was born in July 2011, is seriously disabled from her GBS infection.

All appeared well until the morning after she was born when Aimee showed signs of distress – high-pitched crying, struggling to feed and jaundice. Aimee had developed group B Strep meningitis. She now has spastic quadriplegia, cerebral palsy because of the condition and cannot stand, walk, talk or sit up.

Her mother said: "Had I been tested for GBS and found positive, I could have been offered antibiotics in labour and Aimee's illness and disabilities would have been prevented."

"It would be absolutely amazing if every pregnant woman was offered a test as the costs of a disabled child, or even losing a child, far outweigh the cost of a test." For more information, visit gbss.org.uk/why-guess

Protection urged for frontline NHS staff

HOSPITAL workers in Walsall were attacked more than 150 times a year – but police are not doing enough to protect them, health bosses have claimed.

A serious assault on a nurse at Walsall Manor Hospital on Saturday July 25, by an inpatient is the latest in a series of violent attacks in the last year.

There were 156 incidents involving patients abusing health workers between April 2014 and March this year. Now bosses at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust have issued scathing criticism of West Midlands Police for a lack of criminal action against offenders.

Board member Nigel Summers CBE, said: "We are being let down by the police in this borough there have been no successful prosecutions. I want the police to explain themselves. These are physical and racial assaults and this is not acceptable."

"This has a degrading effect on an individual if they feel they have to put up with violence or threats. It does affect absence rates."

He added: "The police are letting us down so we should do that job for them and seek private prosecution."

Kathryn Halford, director of nursing, claimed the problems were only get-

ting worse. She said more patients were being issued with yellow card warnings as well as red card orders which ban them from the trust unless it is an emergency.

"There was a nasty assault on a nurse last weekend on one of the wards. The police came and she is going to prosecute. There has been a sea change."

As part of the awareness drive for the Respect Us campaign, A&E worker Tracy Pettifer has told of her experiences.

The 49-year-old from Bloxwich has been physically attacked twice in her 28-year career.

The first incident happened eight years ago when she was grabbed by the hair and punched. She said: "He fractured my cheekbone and my eye swelled up so that I looked like I'd been in a boxing match."

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A young Bobby Robson interviewed on camera



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Film footage of old brings region to life

A COLLECTION of historic films released online offers a fascinating insight into the Black Country's heritage.

The project reveals hidden histories and forgotten stories of people and places from the region.

Britain on Film has been launched by the British Film Institute and aims to share films from the past to a new contemporary audience.

The vintage videos were all held in a regional collection – but have been released to share them with a wider audience.

Some of the highlights from the Black Country films include a 1961 promotional film about the Express & Star and a 1963 portrait of West Bromwich Albion, with Bobby Robson being interviewed.

There is also a video from Wolverhampton in 1970s which documents the upheaval in the city as Georgian and Victorian shops

MEMORY LANE

By David Cosgrove

made way for flats. The Media Archive for Central England (MACE) has supported the BFI and Britain on Film in the project.

Phil Leach, senior curator at MACE, said: "It's great to be able to preserve these old videos but we also need to be getting things out there for the public to see."

"If you put something online people can watch it again and again, any time. This is a really good way of getting films out there."

Mr Leach said one of his highlights from the Black Country was an 80-year-old film of King George V's Silver Jubilee, which saw a pageant put on at Molineux. There is also a 1904 film showing Wolves playing away at Preston.

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Young musicians show their mettle



The Nation Youth Orchestra of Great Britain in action before they tackle Mahler at Birmingham Symphony Hall

THE National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain returns to Birmingham for its annual concert as part of its most ambitious summer to date.

Under the baton of Sir Mark Elder, of the Halle Orchestra, the teenagers perform Mahler's epic Symphony No 9 alongside the world premiere performances of Re-greening by Tansy Davies, written especially for NYOGB, at the city's Symphony Hall tomorrow evening (Friday).

The orchestra's young composers will be presenting a free performance of some of their works at the Symphony Hall foyer at 6pm, before the 7.30pm concert. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 3333.

Following a two-week residency in Birmingham, the orchestra travels to Aldeburgh, the BBC Proms and Berlin. NYOGB's 14 to 19-year-old members are drawn from across the UK and this year nine of the 163 talented

teenagers hail from the West Midlands. Among them are double bassists Harry Atkinson (Birmingham) and Patrick Phillip (Bridgnorth), violinists Philip Edwards (Stafford) and Madeleine Dawson (B'ham), cellists Joshua Mountford (B'north) and Dominic Marten (B'ham).

Activities in Birmingham included ensembles taking music to the streets and workshops at the University of Birmingham.

Miss is in a bottle...

FREAKS and feathers will surround you at the Carnival of the Bizarre, prepare to be shocked and amazed by a blend of weird variety acts and burlesque from the same people who stunned audiences — and the Britain's Got Talent judges — with notorious touring show The Circus of Horrors.

At Bilston's Robin 2 venue tonight (Thursday) the audience will get close up and personal with some truly bizarre, and sometimes horrifying, performers.

Led by Circus of Horrors undead Ringmaster Doktor Haze, the shows cast of freaky characters can include Captain Dan, the demon dwarf; The Mongolian Laughing Boy; the Human Pincushion; the sword swallowing Hannibal Helmuto.

The circus element comes with performers including the girl in the bottle and Anastasia IV the blade walker, fire whirlwind acrobatics from the Voodoo Warriors and a bevy of burlesque beauties. Plus a multitude of shocks and surprises from the most bizarre acts around.

Advance tickets cost £15 or £16 on the door. Call 01902 401211 or see www.therobin.co.uk website.

Other gigs coming up at the Mount Pleasant venue include: tomorrow, Alice Cooper tribute act Gallus Cooper with Scorpions tribute Scopions; Saturday, U2-2 recreate Bono and co circa The Joshua Tree; Sunday, Monsters of Rock featuring Black Sabbath tribute Sabotage; Thursday, veteran San Francisco satirical rockers The Tubes, featuring singer Fee Waybill, make a rare UK appearance.

Prepare to be shocked and amazed

Dancer to make her last UK performance

A WORLD famous dancer will return to Birmingham Hippodrome for her last ever UK performance.

Sylvie Guillem will be performing Life in Progress, featuring existing and new works by choreographers who have influenced her career. Performances on September 8 and 9 will be the last by the former star of the Paris Opera Ballet and The Royal Ballet in Britain.

Promoted to the rank of 'Etoile' by Rudolf Nureyev at the age of 19, the French dancer has decided to retire at the age of 50. Her very final performance will be in Japan in December. See www.birminghamhippodrome.co.uk or call 0844 338 5000.

Punk's not dead, at least for a week

IT'S a punk rock week ahead in Birmingham and the Black Country.

Slam Dunk favourites Don Broco, whose new album Automatic comes out tomorrow, have sold out their gig at Birmingham Institute's Temple venue on Wednesday.

The Digbeth venue hosts San Francisco punk veterans The Avengers on Monday and Aussie hardcore outfit Break Even on Thursday (August 13). That's the same night US outfit A Wilhelm Scream play 02 Academy 3, Teenage Bottlerocket the Slade Rooms, and White Punks On Dope veterans The Tubes play Bilston's Robin 2.

Influential art of Japan on display

AN exhibition at Wolverhampton Art Gallery features images by 19th century Japanese artist Utagawa Hiroshige.

Hiroshige's Japan: 53 Stations of the Tokaido Road feature a collection of landscapes that the artist was commissioned to create on the new road between the old capital Kyoto and Edo, which became Tokyo.

The woodblock prints, on display at the Lichfield Street gallery until November 21, had an influence on the Impressionists and even today's Manga comic art. It also the first touring exhibition to come to Wolverhampton from Oxford's prestigious Ashmolean Museum.



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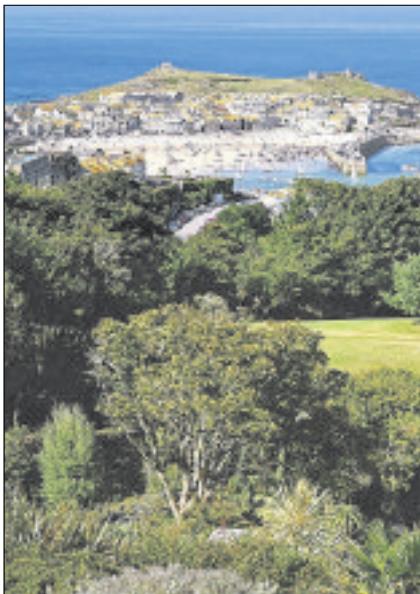
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The bedroom at the Tregenna Castle Estate



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The beautiful view of the Cornish town of St Ives

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It's why most go on holiday, is it not? Yes, we all love a bit of action on our breaks every now and then. A sense of fun and adventure. Trying new things.

But, sometimes, just turning the mobile phone off, ignoring the emails and cutting off the outside world is the perfect bit of therapy to recharge those batteries.

In this case, St Ives should be highly considered. A beautiful mix of old and new, it throws its arms open to welcome you in.

For the perfect overview of its quaint little harbour, then the Tregenna Castle Estate is the perfect place to base your visit.

The bay-view rooms offer spectacular views down over the shops, bars and ice-cream parlours that line the old harbour. You can also plan excursions by foot with

By Leigh Sanders

views down to the beach offering a host of options to choose between. But you don't even have to head down to the sand yet. There's plenty to do just where you are.

Tired from your long journey down? First of all, head straight for the leisure complex attached to the back of the hotel to unwind.

The indoor heated pool and spa offer somewhere relaxed for families to spend some quality time. There is also a sauna and steam room and a gym.

Squash courts are also available, and the tennis courts out front are a real treat.

There are woodland walks and walled gardens to enjoy. But be prepared to tackle some hills. The journey up some of them won't be the most relaxing part of your stay. But when you are ready to hit the town then just walk straight down the hill

and let gravity guide you in. You hit Porthminster beach, a calm expanse of golden softness ideal for families. It has all the facilities you would require, and is a short walk from the harbour itself.

Activity

This is still a working port, and you can watch lazily as the fishermen bring in the latest catches you know will be adorning the array of seafood restaurants for you to sample later on. Most of the activity is to be found here, particularly for youngsters. They will want to head straight to Patsea Arcadia – harbour amusements full of fun.

While here, Kudos simply has to be visited. Situated on Fore Street, it is a real Aladdin's cave chocked from floor to ceiling with wonderfully unique items the owner has sourced from trusted collectors around

the world. Once the town has been scoured it is worth heading up towards what is known as The Island. A grassy hill behind the harbour, it can be accessed via a series of narrow back streets that house a number of independent art galleries.

Once ascended, you will find the smallest of chapels providing views that will amaze. If you are lucky enough, a pod of dolphins will swim past too to welcome you.

When you have done as much or as little exploring as you like it is time to head back down in to town and sample some of that food. If you like fish and are staying at the Tregenna, then it is worth one last trek back to base to sample The Brasserie.

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Rufus Hound

The Cube: Celebrity Special (ITV, 8pm)

Phillip Schofield invites comedians Rob Beckett and Rufus Hound to take part in a charity edition of the nerve-racking game show. Both are challenged to complete up to seven seemingly simple tasks of skill, dexterity, reaction, wit and wisdom within the confines of a large transparent cube. But each celebrity has only nine lives – and with each one they lose, the pressure mounts to win the jackpot of £250,000 for their chosen causes. Phillip Schofield is on hand to provide words of encouragement. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** Live. **11.30 The Box.** (R) **12.00 BBC News:** Weather. **12.10 Football Focus.** **12.50 Saturday Sportsday.** **1.00 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **3.00 Escape to the Continent.** **4.00 Final Score.** **5.15 Pointless Celebrities.** (R)

6.05 BBC News.

6.15 Regional Programme.

6.25 Film: *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.* (1984) The intrepid archaeologist, with his young sidekick and a nightclub singer in tow, is stranded in India, where he takes on a mission to recover magical sacred stones from the hands of an evil cult engaged in human sacrifice and child slavery. Steven Spielberg's action adventure stars Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw, Ke Huy Quan and Amrish Puri.

8.15 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts.

9.10 Casualty. Following an accident in his truck, Dylan's father is admitted to the Emergency Department. It is clear he and and his son are not on good terms, and Dylan takes out his anger and frustration on Dervla, causing her to run away. Louis steals Tess's crucifix so he can get money for drugs, but Charlie tracks him down and, realising he has developed deep vein thrombosis, takes him to the hospital. Meanwhile, Jacob's romantic side is revealed and Lily lets Ethan go.

10.00 BBC News: Weather. **National Lottery Update.**

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Swansea City at Stamford Bridge and Bournemouth v Aston Villa at Dean Court.

11.40 Film: *Disturbia.* (2007) Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.30 Film: *Gunga Din.* (1939) **8.25 Film:** *Stick It.* (2006) **10.00 Animal Park.** (R) **11.00 More Creatures Great and Small.** (R) **12.30 Great British Menu.** (R) **1.30 Great British Menu.** (R) **1.45 Great British Menu.** (R) **2.00 Escape to the Continent.** **3.00 Live Swimming.** **3.30 Live Swimming.** World Championships. Day seven from Kazan Arena in Russia. **5.30 Atlantic:** The Wildest Ocean on Earth. **5.30**

6.30 Gardeners' World. With the holiday season in full swing, Monty Don shares some timely tips on how to make sure gardens do not suffer while their owners are away. (R)

7.00 Proms Extra. Katie Derham is joined by Kiri Te Kanawa, Peter Maxwell Davies and Martin James Bartlett to appraise last week's performances, including the Late Night Sinfonia Prom.

7.40 Edwardian Farm. Alex Langlands, Peter Ginn and Ruth Goodman put on a party when a paddle-steamer docks at the Morwellham Quay, bringing a group of tourists to the Tamar Valley. (R)

8.40 Dad's Army. Mainwaring gives the platoon a lecture in communications and his men have an opportunity to put what they have learnt into action when an enemy aircraft ditches in a reservoir. (R)

9.10 Film: *The Duchess.* (2008) Fact-based period drama, chronicling the life of Georgiana Spencer who became Duchess of Devonshire in 1774 at the age of 17. Adored by the ton, she had an extravagant lifestyle. Spencer maintained a troubled marriage and was eventually driven into the arms of Charles Grey, a senior Whig politician. Starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper and Charlotte Rampling.

10.50 The Many Faces of Helen Mirren. A profile of the actress, who became a household name through her portrayal of DCI Jane Tennison in *Prime Suspect* and won an Oscar for playing Elizabeth II in *The Queen.* (R)

11.55 Film: *Last Orders.* (2001) Four men visit Margate to scatter a friend's ashes and reminisce about their shared experiences over the last six decades. Drama, with Michael Caine.

1.35 Film: *Brighton Rock.* (2010) **3.20** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: *The Aquabats! Super Show!* **6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.45 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00 Cannimals.** (R) **7.15 Sooty.** (R) **7.30 Super 4.** (R) **7.45 Fish Hooks.** **8.00 Young Justice.** Invasion. **8.25 Young Justice.** Invasion. **8.30 Wasteland.** **9.00 Murder She Wrote.** (R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **1.35 Tipping Point.** (R) **2.35 Celebrity Square.** (R) **3.20 Midsomer Murders.** (R) **5.15 Catchphrase.** (R)

6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15 ITV News:** Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of viewers' videos, featuring a squirrel stealing an iPhone and a fox attacking a golfer. (R)

7.00 Keep It in the Family. New series. Bradley Walsh hosts the game show in which families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. A line-up of celebrities each hold the clue to a prize, and it's up to the contestants to determine the fate of their chosen box as they decide whether to swap, drop or keep it in the family. This week the Nanas are back and talented kids perform from a well-known musical.

8.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special. Comedians Rob Beckett and Rufus Hound take on The Cube in an attempt to win a jackpot of £250,000 for charity. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: *The Bourne Identity.* (2002) A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his skill at evading them suggests his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Clive Owen and Brian Cox.

11.10 ITV News: Weather.

11.25 Film: *The Chase.* Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser.

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** *Ejector Seat.* (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40 Tri Liverpool.** **7.35 Film:** *Supermodel.* **8.00 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Frasier.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.45 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.15 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.50 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.20 Rude(ish) Tube.** **1.50 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Ascot, Haydock Park and Newmarket. **4.15 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.45 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.15 Come Dine with Me.** (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. On the final night in Darlington, Co Durham, Audra plans to win over her guests with genuine Italian cuisine followed by a mysterious tiramisini, which is not to everyone's liking. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Homes by the Sea. Architectural designer Charlie Luxton explores coastal properties in Northumberland, beginning in the fishing village of Craster, where he visits Craster Tower – an 18th-century Georgian mansion – before travelling to Whitby where he visits a semi-detached property. He also explores a modern-build overlooking Druridge Bay and a transformed farmstead near Bamburgh.

8.00 Walking Through History: King John's Ruin – Peak District. On a walk across the medieval manor's stamping grounds of Sherwood Forest and the Peak District, Tony Robinson discovers King John was a man plagued by crises. (R)

9.00 Film: *The A-Team.* (2010) Four soldiers are sent on a top-secret mission in Iraq that results in them being imprisoned for a crime they did not commit. When they learn the culprit is trying to sell equipment for producing fake currency, they break out of prison to find both him and evidence of their innocence. Action adventure based on the 1980s TV series, with Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Sharlto Copley and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson.

11.25 Film: *The Fighter.* (2010) Fact-based drama, with Mark Wahlberg and an Oscar-winning Christian Bale.

1.30 The Last Leg. (R) **2.25 Hollywoods.** (R) **4.30 You Deserve This House.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.35 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.10 Cowboys and Builders.** (R) **11.00 Cowboy Builders.** (R) **11.55 Cowboy Builders.** (R) **12.55 Film:** *Cahill, US Marshal.* (1973) Western, Starring: Warren Oates, Lee Van Cleef, Burt Reynolds, James Arness, and James Coburn. **1.15 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **4.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **5.05 The Nightmare Next Door.** (R)

6.05 Can't Pay? Benefits Special. A special edition of the documentary series exploring the work of High Court Enforcement agents, focusing specifically on moments in which they are called to recover homes, goods and cash from the people often considered the most vulnerable in British society. Among the cases highlighted are those of a single mother struggling with debts totalling more than £45,000, an aggressive debtor recovering from a brain tumour who refuses to pay his dues, and a hard-working young nurse who is desperately seeking a home for her young son, but is facing opposition from landlords who are not keen to let their properties to people dependent on housing benefits. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Highlights of the third day's play in the Fourth Ashes Test at Trent Bridge, a venue at which the tourists had not tasted victory for 14 years.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Killer Landslides. Exploring natural disasters and some of the biggest land slips ever recorded, including the deadly landslide in Oso, Washington in March 2014 which slammed into the neighbourhood.

9.00 Football League Tonight. New series. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's opening round of matches, including Sheffield Wednesday v Bristol City and Leeds United v Burnley in the Championship, as well as all the goals from League One and League Two. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.

10.25 The Best of Bad TV. The series revisiting spectacular small-screen gaffes continues. (R)

11.50 Access. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10 Transporter:** The Series. **4.00 Police Interceptors.** (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. **7.15 Don't Tell the Bride.** **8.15 Film:** *StreetDance 2* (2012) **9.35 Live at the Apollo.** **10.35 Russell Howard's Good News.** **11.05 Family Guy.** **12.00 People Just Do Nothing.** **1.50 Russell Howard's Good News.** **2.20 Crims 3.45 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth.** **4.00 Close.**

BBC Four

7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano. **8.00 Natural World Special:** *Attenborough's Ark 9.00 The Young Montbello. **10.55 The Irish Rock Story: A Tale of Two Cities.** **11.55 Irish Rock at the BBC.** **12.55 Sings the Great American Songbook.** **1.55 Lost Land of the Volcano.** **2.55 Natural World Special:** *Attenborough's Ark 3.55 Close.**

ITV2

11.35 Take Me Out 12.45 Film: *Dragonheart.* (1996) **2.55 Film:** *Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed.* (2004) **4.40 Film:** *The Mummy Returns.* (2001) **5.05 Film:** *Jack and Jill.* (2011) **9.00 Film:** *The Shawshank Redemption.* (1994) **11.50 Film:** *The Matrix.* (1999) **2.30 Totaly Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.55 Teleshopping.** **3.15 Wycliffe 2.25 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping.**

ITV3

1.05 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.10 Film: *Mutiny on the Buses.* (1972) **5.00 Film:** *Columbo:* **Now You See Him.** (1976) **6.55 Doc Martin.** **8.00 Lewis.** **10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 12.00 Wire in the Blood 1.35 Wycliffe 2.25 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping.**

ITV4

1.55 Film: *Ice Cold in Alex.* (1958) **4.35 British Superbike Championship Highlights 5.35 Storage Wars:** *New York 6.25 Film:* **Live and Let Die.** (1973) **9.00 Film:** *Octopussy.* (1983) **11.40 Film:** *The Black Windmill.* (1974) **1.50 I Want That Car 2.40 Movies Now 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping.**

E4

1.00 The Goldbergs 2.00 How I Met Your Mother. (2009) **3.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine.** **3.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film:** *Insidious.* (2010) **11.05 Gogglebox 12.40 Rude Tube 1.45 Virtually Famous 2.30 How I Met Your Mother.** **3.15 The Cleveland Show.** **3.55 Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me 4.50 Revenge Film 4.**

11.00 Just Wright. (2010) **1.00 Johnny English Reborn.** (2011) **3.10 Aliens in the Attic.** (2009) **4.55 The Iron Giant.** (1999) **6.35 Iron Man.** (2008) **9.00 Bridesmaids.** (2011) **11.20 Red Lights.** (2012) **1.40 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance.** (2011) **3.35 Close.**

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CHOICE



Anna Friel

Odyssey (BBC2, 9pm)

Odelle and Aslam leave the safe house and head to Algeria, while Luc remains behind, fearing their plan is doomed. While on the road, they receive devastating news from a radio report of Frank's attack on Shakir Khan. Diallo seeks revenge, but his actions leave his soldiers troubled. Bob edges ever closer to discovering the truth regarding Ruby's true identity, and Senator Darnell puts pressure on Harrison. Elsewhere, Peter makes a deal with the Societel Mining CEO as his marriage suffers, and Suzanne makes a new friend. Peter Facinelli, Anna Friel, Jake Robinson, Jim True-Frost, Sadie Sink and Omar Ghazaoui star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Flog It! (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. **3.00** Animal Odd Couples. (R) **4.00** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Earth's Natural Wonders: Living on the Edge. (R) **6.35** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** Countryfile. John Craven visits Llandudno, to see what has made it a beloved British holiday destination for over a century. He meets a former farmer who is restoring the town's Victorian pier, takes a coastal walk and goes on the hunt for a rare butterfly and visits the UK's oldest Punch and Judy show. Plus, a look back at some of the best summer holiday ideas featured on the show, including paddle boarding in Dorset and the 50th anniversary of the Pennine Way. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate the complex and controversial stories surrounding the origins of supposedly valuable works of art from around the world, discovering how to identify the handiwork of master forgers and revealing the bitter battles that occur in the seemingly genteel art world. (R) **9.00** Partners in Crime. Part three of three, Tuppence ponders the cryptic message she discovered in the Soho den, while Tommy is taken to a remote location by Brown's gang after his cover is blown, and forced to steal a secret file from Carter by threatening the life of his son. Tommy and Tuppence discover evidence that will expose Carter's identity, but it is taken from them by Julian. The couple face a race against time to unmask the evil mastermind and foil the assassination of a visiting American dignitary of incredible importance to the British government. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Match of the Day. **11.40** Film: The Lookout. (2007) **11.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

7.00 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.45** Countryfile. (R) **8.45** Gardeners' World. **9.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.45** Saturday Kitchen: Best Bites. **11.15** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** More Great British Menu. (R) **12.45** More Great British Film: A Distant Trumpet. **1964**. **2.55** Two Tribes. **3.25** Live Swimming: World Championships. **5.30** The Olympic Journey: How Far, How Fast? **6.00** Hair. The four semi-finalists create styles inspired by nature, before they all take part in the Eliminator and have to carry out their first haircut – an A-line bob. (R) **6.30** Hair. Three competitors take part in the grand final, creating avant garde haircuts at a wedding fair and styling the hair of real brides on their big days. Last in the series. (R) **7.00** Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways. The historian examines how the expansion of the railways influenced working conditions, proved a valuable global export and even changed the way war was waged. Last in the series. (R) **8.00** Dragons' Den. A technology entrepreneur brings a sports car into the studio to demonstrate a security app, while a pair of hoteliers and a luxury chocolate company seek investment. **9.00** Odyssey. News of Frank's attack on Shakir Khan hits Odelle and Aslam hard, while Bob edges ever closer to discovering the truth and Senator Darnell puts pressure on Harrison. **9.45** The Javone Prince Show. More stand-up comedy and sketches, including a Real Talk report on Britain's latest street gang. **10.15** Family Guy. Peter throws Jesus a birthday party. **10.35** Family Guy. Brian's estranged TV star son Dylan turns up in Quahog. **11.00** Family Guy. Peter forms a relationship with an elderly friend of his late mother. **11.20** Film: Up There. (2012) Premiere. A spirit charged with escorting the recently deceased to the afterlife ends up losing a soul somewhere in a seaside town. Comic fantasy, with Joe Absolom, Andrew-Lee Potts, Justin Salinger, Amanda Burton and Stephanie Leonidas. (R) **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. Looking at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Features interviews with 80s icons such as Spandau Ballet and Madness. **12.00** Film: Broken City. (2013) A New York private eye hired to find out if the mayor's wife is having an affair discovers a web of political corruption. Crime thriller, with Mark Wahlberg. **1.25** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits. **2.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Double Your House for Half the Money. (R) **5.30** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Cannimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice. **8.25** The Wombles. (R) **8.30** Womble. **9.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** TV News; Weather. **12.35** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.35** Film: Columbo: Now You See Him. (1976) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.25** Film: Never Say Never Again. (1983) James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery. **6.00** Off Their Rockers. More fearless senior citizens play pranks on the public, including one OAP who attempts escapology for the first time – while another fails his Zimmer-frame walking test. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Nature Nuts with Julian Clary. Julian goes to Britain's largest carnivorous mammal in the Farne Islands, helps to capture tawny owls and dormice on film, and investigates wildlife in its own home. **8.00** Midsummer Murders. When a pub landlady is crushed to death by a giant box during a magic show organised by famous illusionist Gideon Latimer, pathologist Kate discovers the cables had been deliberately sabotaged. Evangelising curate Andrew Maplin claims the tragedy is God's vengeance for the pagan traditions still held deep in Midsummer Oaks, but Barnaby and Nelson fear Gideon was the real target. Neil Dudgeon, Gwilym Lee and Tamzin Malleson star in the murder mystery, with Joe Absolom, Andrew-Lee Potts, Justin Salinger, Amanda Burton and Stephanie Leonidas. (R) **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. Looking at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Features interviews with 80s icons such as Spandau Ballet and Madness. **12.00** Film: Deceived. (1991) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.15** Hobo City. (R) **4.15** This is BBC Two.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.00** British GT. **7.30** Arrows Road Races. **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Chloe's Closet. **10.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **11.05** Paw Patrol. **7.20** Little Prince. (R) **7.30** Wallace and Gromit. (R) **7.45** Zack and Quack. **8.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **8.35** LazyTown. (R) **9.00** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.05** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. (2009) Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Hader. **3.10** Film: Getting Even with Dad. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Ted Danson. **5.20** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. (2011) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Action from the fourth day of the Fourth Ashes Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. The Aussies are looking for a first away Ashes series win since 2001, and theomers may be good should they come away with victory here, as their last triumph on this ground also clinched that series 14 years ago. Eventual man of the series Ian Bell reached a century for the home side on the fourth day of the Nottingham Test in 2003, before being caught by Brad Haddin off the bowling of Mitchell Starc for 109. Mark Nicholas presents and also provides commentary alongside Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes. **8.00** Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. Mac pulls over a car and finds a box packed with cannabis, officers discover a lock-up for stolen vehicles and a car thief rewrites the rules of the road. (R) **9.00** Film: Takers. (2010) Premiere. Five bank robbers are reunited with an old partner in crime just out of prison, who presents them with a plan for a lucrative armoured car robbery. As the crooks arrange what will be their final heist, a determined police officer is closing in on them. Crime thriller, starring Paul Walker, Matt Dillon, Idris Elba, Hayden Christensen and Zoe Saldana. **11.10** Film: The Losers. (2010) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Under the Dome. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. **6.20** Pip Ahoy! **6.30** The Men Show. (R) **6.40** Chloe's Closet. **7.30** Arrows Road Races. **8.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Amazing Spaces Show. **1.30** The Wombles. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** The Dambusters' Great Escape: Secret Hitler: Dambusters' Beast" by Winston Churchill. Tirpitz was Nazi Germany's most powerful battleship. Protected by an elite squadron of fighters, it was seen as invincible, but after 34 failed attempts to sink it, the RAF sent in the 617 "Dambusters" Squadron and 9 Squadron. In a raid in November 1944 they managed to slip through enemy defences and destroy Tirpitz. With eyewitness accounts from surviving RAF crew, one of the Luftwaffe fighter pilots and German sailors, this documentary tells this extraordinary story and offers new evidence to explain the mission's improbable success. (R) **8.00** Experimental. Tim Shaw and Buddy Munro experiment with water skiing behind a ferry, trying to outrace an underground train and attempting to keep hold of a high pressure hose. Last in the series. **9.00** Film: Life of Pi. (2012) Premiere. A writer interviews a man about the extraordinary survival of his life. He describes his childhood in India, living in the zoo run by his father, and how the family and their animals were forced to relocate to Canada when he was a teenager. However, during the sea voyage, the ship sank and he was left adrift in a small boat with a ferocious tiger. Ang Lee's adventure based on Yann Martel's novel, starring Suraj Sharma. **11.30** Film: Broken City. (2013) A New York private eye hired to find out if the mayor's wife is having an affair discovers a web of political corruption. Crime thriller, with Mark Wahlberg. **1.25** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits. **2.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Double Your House for Half the Money. (R) **5.30** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Top Gear. **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride. **9.00** Film: The Mexican (2001) **10.55** Russell Howard's Good News **11.20** Family Guy. **12.05** American Dad! **12.30** Family Guy. **12.50** People Just Do Nothing. **12.10** Don't Be a Dope the Bride. **2.20** Tiny breakables: Life and Love on Disability Campus. **3.20** People Just Do Nothing. **3.50** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. **4.00** Close **BBC Four** **7.00** BBC Proms Sunday Symphony **8.30** Brushing Up On British Towers. **9.00** Atomic: Living in Dread. **9.30** Promise Storyville. **10.10** The Six at Night. **10.40** Christie Davies: Rock Photographic. **11.10** Sinatra: All or Nothing at All **12.10** Friday Night at the Proms: Seth MacFarlane. **12.30** Atomic: Living in Dread and Promise. **Storyville. 3.40** Close **ITV3** **2.35** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.25** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **5.15** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) **9.00** Film: 21 Jump Street. (2012) **11.10** Safeworld. **11.55** Film: The Faculty (1998) **2.00** Totally Bonkers. **Guinness World Records. 2.20** TeleShopping. **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV2** **12.15** Film: Finding Neverland (2004) **2.20** Wycliffe. **3.35** Berlie and Elizabeth **5.40** Inspector Morse. **8.00** Hotel in the Clouds. **9.00** Inside Asprey: Luxury by Royal Appointment. **10.00** Birds of a Feather. **10.30** Northern Lights. **11.35** Agatha Christie's Marple. **1.30** Blue Murder. **2.45** ITV3 Nightscreen **ITV4** **11.00** Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.05** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights. **7.05** Pawn Stars. **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. **9.00** Film: A View to a Kill (1985) **11.45** Film: Village of the Damned (1995) **1.45** I Want That Car. **2.45** Movies Now. **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** TeleShopping **Film4** **11.00** The Mark of Zorro (1940) **1.00** Millions (2004) **2.55** My Neighbour Totoro (1988) **4.40** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **6.20** The Karate Kid (2010) **9.00** Bullet to the Head (2012) **10.45** The Rise (2012) **12.55** Ikuiri (1952) **3.50** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Dangerous Company, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A successful businesswoman has a charmed life – a good career and a happy marriage – until one day things start to unravel. As she starts misplacing things, loses track of time and even fails to recognise her husband, it seems she has inherited the dementia that killed her mother – but it turns out something more sinister is at play, leaving her desperate to prove her sanity. Thriller, starring Alicia Leigh Willis, Rick Ravanello and Melissa Marty. (2015)

TUESDAY

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, BBC1, 11.25pm

A doctor is caught molesting a patient and commits suicide, after which his wife has a miscarriage. She blames his victim for her losses and plans to get revenge, infiltrating the unsuspecting woman's house as a nanny and playing twisted mind games to destroy her life. Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay, Annabella Sciorra, Julianne Moore, Matt McCoy and Ernie Hudson. (1992)



Grosse Pointe Blank, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Black Widow, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Photjournalist Melanie becomes jealous when her wealthy male friend gets engaged. But as she tries to dig up some dirt on his fiancee, she realises her love rival may actually be a murderer, who has married a series of rich men and killed them to claim their money. Thriller, starring Elizabeth Berkley. (2008)

THURSDAY

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, BBC2, 12pm

A washed-up American football player tormented by the death of a friend faces a difficult reunion with his dying father. Drama, starring Paul Newman. (1958)

FRIDAY

Grosse Pointe Blank, BBC1, 11.35pm

A hitman takes the chance to combine his latest assassination job with a trip back to his home town for a school reunion. The occasion starts to get complicated when an old flame turns up and rekindles their lost romance – while a rival killer harasses him to join an assassins' union. Black comedy drama, starring John Cusack. (1997)

Jimmy faces a burning issue in the Highlands

What do Steptoe and Son, Last of the Summer Wine, The Liver Birds, Up Pompeii, Till Death Do Us Part and Are You Being Served? have in common?

Well, in addition to being among some of the best-loved and most successful sitcoms in the BBC archives, they all started life as episodes of Comedy Playhouse.

The anthology, which aired between 1961 and 1975, featured one-off comedy pilots, with the best-received being turned into full series.

Of course, not every episode went on to be fondly remembered classic – Sharmot, On the Knockier, or Barnaby Spoot and the Exploding Whoopee Cushion, anyone? – but the hit rate was high enough for the BBC to revive the format last year with three more pilots.

And now one of them, Miller's Mountain, has been renamed Mountain Goats and given a six-part run – and some may think that given the Comedy Playhouse track record, it's got a lot to live up to.

Luckily, the signs are promising as

the new series does have a great cast in its favour, including Sharon Rooney, who is probably best known for her acclaimed performance as Rae in E4's My Mad Fat Diary.

She's certainly enjoying her latest role, especially as it's provided her with a change of pace.

She told Radio Times: "Comedy has been nice to me because My Mad Fat Diary was quite emotional. I don't think I've ever laughed so much on a job. They gave us an outtake video and we're laughing on it the whole time."

Hopefully, the audience will be just as amused. For those who missed the pilot, the series is described by the BBC as "an energetic studio sitcom set around the antics of a ragtag group of Mountain Rescue volunteers. Set in the Highlands, the series takes us from pub to hillside as our ramshackle family try to save walkers, climbers, dogs and, most often, themselves."

In particular, it focuses on the young, enthusiastic, and more than a

little naïve Connor (Kevin Mains), who has just joined the team. He's learning under the supposedly watchful eye of Jimmy (Jimmy Chisholm), who is an old hand – although organisation is not his strong point.

Other characters include Bernie (Kathryn Howden), the team's head of operations, and Jules (Rooney), a no-nonsense barmaid – in fact, one of the most striking aspects of the pilot was that for a show about mountain rescue, a surprising amount of the action took place in the pub.

We're promised some location filming in the series proper, so we may get a better sense of the great outdoors.

In this first episode, Connor continues to learn the ropes, but his mum isn't particularly happy about his new career... and no wonder, given that Jimmy proves he can't really be trusted with his own safety after he burns his house down.

Is Connor's first rescue mission going to be finding a new home for his fellow rescuer?

MONDAY

Flying to the Ends of the Earth

Channel 4, 8pm

Arthur Williams travels to the deserts of northern Australia, the islands of the Coral Sea and the jungles of Papua New Guinea, where flying is the only way in and out. He first visits a couple running a cattle station almost as big as Wales, where helicopters round up thousands of cows in a risky aerial ballet, before flying on to meet the Turner family, who bought their own desert island in the Coral Sea in 1985. Finally, Arthur joins the flying missionaries of Papua, who brave perilous jungle airstrips to bring supplies.

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild

Channel 5, 9pm

The ever-affable adventurer's latest series draws to a close with a trip to French Polynesia in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, a place rarely explored by humans. But two people who love it there and know it better than most is 47-year-old Brit Rick and his 33-year-old Slovenian girlfriend Jasna. Unlike previous participants in the series, Rick and Jasna don't live in a shack on dry land – they describe themselves as sea gypsies, who wander the ocean in a tiny sailing boat. Ben learns more about their lifestyle by finding out how to free-dive

to drop anchor, preserve the food their catch and how to make wine. He also gets up close and personal with some of the creatures who share the environment with Rick and Jasna.

TUESDAY

Love Your Garden

ITV, 8pm

Alan Titchmarsh and the team are in Dorset creating an exciting garden for a young family. His idea for the Drakes is to give them an outdoor space that reflects terminally ill dad Andrew's love of the great outdoors and his passion for working with wood. He opts for a garden with a frontier-land theme that Andrew, wife Rachel and their young son Lucas can enjoy, creating a prairie-inspired back yard of big scale rustic wood structures, agricultural motifs with craftsmanship and the spirit of adventure at its core.

WEDNESDAY

The Great British Bake Off

BBC1, 8pm

With the cake week completed, and one of their number already eliminated from the competition, the 11 remaining home bakers

must now prove their skill at making biscuits, a task that can be deceptively difficult, and one that has undone many a confident Bake Off contestant in the past. The opening signature challenge this week is to create 24 biscuits, Italian delicacies that must be baked twice to deliver the perfect crisp crunch.

Next is Paul Hollywood's technical challenge, in which the contestants tackle Arlettes – labour-intensive, puff pastry-based treats from southwest France. Finally, for the showstopper, the judges demand bespoke edible biscuit boxes, filled with 36 biscuits of different flavours. After all three rounds have concluded, it falls to Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins to announce which of the bakers will be asked to leave the tent.

THURSDAY
Who Do You Think You Are?
BBC1, 9pm
Every time a new run of the genealogy

Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

series is announced, viewers are left wondering who will be featured on it. After all this time and so many editions, some have suggested that the show must be running out of steam and that the celebrities will soon be Z-listers rather than bona fide stars. However, the programme's researchers keep coming up trumps – and if you need proof of that check out the list of luminaries set to grace this, the 12th season. Great British Bake Off star Paul Hollywood (who is the first celeb to appear), model Jerry Hall, Last Tango in Halifax cohorts Derek Jacobi and Anne Reid, polymath Mark Gatiss, actresses Frances de la Tour and Jane Seymour, choirmaster Gareth Malone, journalist Frank Gardner and presenter Anita Rani will all feature.

FRIDAY
Would I Lie to You?
BBC1, 8.30pm

No sooner has she left The One Show sofa, the ubiquitous Alex Jones is back, this time on the panel show in which participants attempt to hoodwink their opponents with absurd facts and plausible lies about themselves. It's all in good fun, and host Rob Brydon and team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack know how to squeeze the maximum amount of laughter from each absurd suggestion.



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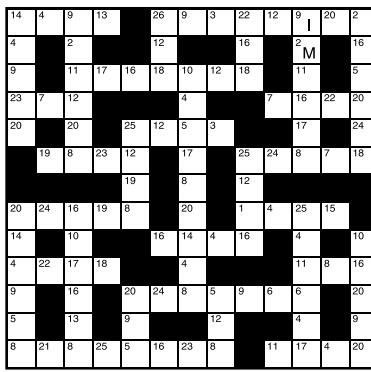
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Quiz

- In which Australian state is Ayers Rock?
- What is killer Albert De Salvo better known as?
- What are Limburger and Camembert?
- Who was the wife of Othello?
- Who created Winnie-the-Pooh?
- What Roman goddess is equivalent to the Greek Aphrodite?
- In which city is the Uffizi art gallery?
- What in France is the TGV?
- On what island was Napoleon first exiled?
- Which country produces Saab cars and missiles?

Last week's solutions:

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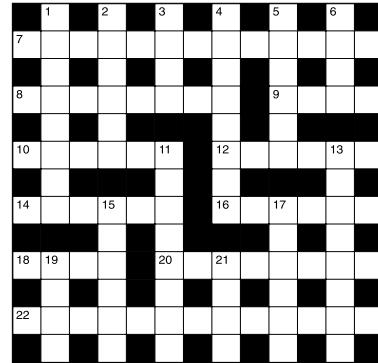
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Cryptic Clues:

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- After which one might steal cook's thunder? (5,2,3,3)
- Low dance game (8)
- Liquid container used in battle (4)
- Healthier craftsman (6)
- Laid roughly around similar points, and away from the coast (6)
- Gas ten representatives (6)
- The beginner must be good! (6)
- Find fault with the fish (4)
- Evidence of birds drinking? (8)
- Irrelevant and not quite on target (6,3,4)
- 100 with a tendency towards charwoman's work (8)
- Agree with the way it was despatched (6)
- Mail for South American capital (4)
- Horse is not all out (8)
- Learnt about hire charge (6)
- Mother is at home on the high seas (4)
- Side rest, having been in opposition (8)
- A job well done in the South of France? (4,4)
- Serviette taken from relations after short sleep (6)
- A measure of the book's contents? (6)
- Help place a wager (4)
- A chemist has the pain first (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Shameful (13)
- Clergyman (8)
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- Progenitor (6)
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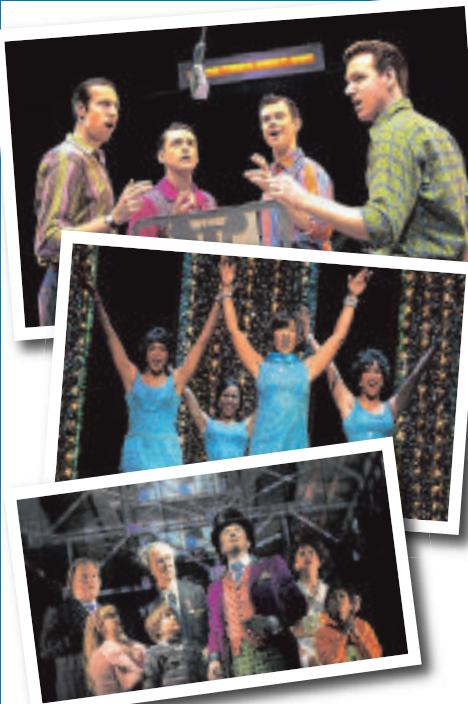
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Fall; 8 Apostrophe; 9 Reappear; 10 Cast; 12 Patent; 14 Errors; 15 Missed; 17 Scorns; 18 Show; 19 Currents; 21 Overlooked; 22 Step. Down: 2 Alteration; 3 Lamp; 4 Potent; 5 Starve; 6 Concerto; 7 Beat; 11 Lamp; 13 Eastward; 16 Doctor; 17 Strike; 18 Show; 20 Currents. QUICK - Across: 1 Credit; 8 Unravelling; 9 Pavement; 10 Used; 12 Divert; 14 Raider; 15 Insert; 17 Create; 18 Debt; 19 Overture; 21 Accomplice; 22 Meek. Down: 2 At variance; 3 Sure; 4 Lament; 5 Banter; 6 Illumine; 7 Aged; 11 Electorate; 13 Erection; 16 Troupe; 17 Credit; 18 Deal; 20 Team.

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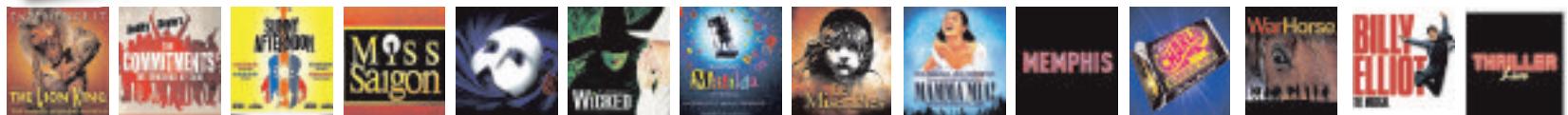
For the Theatre Weekend with Dinner option see the matinee performance before heading to the hotel for an evening meal. The Saturday Night option includes a ticket for the show to see an evening performance.

Both breaks include a theatre ticket, overnight stay in a four-star outer London hotel plus full English breakfast.

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Extended home with back garden hot tub set up



A **FOUR-BEDROOMED** executive home with a lounge, dining room and further sitting room in St Martins Drive, Tipton, is well presented.

Including a hot tub in the rear garden, it is for sale through Skitts at £205,000 with no chain.

With a front driveway it has an entrance hall, a lounge with a bay window, laminate flooring, a dining room with access to the extended sitting room/games room, kitchen with a built-in electric oven and grill with gas hob, cooker hood, integrated fridge freezer and tiled flooring, a utility room with a sink and a WC.

Off the first floor is bedroom one with wardrobes, ceiling spotlights and an en-suite with a Jacuzzi shower, three further bedrooms (two with wardrobes), a bathroom with a spa bath and a rear garden. Contact Skitts on 0121 5202255 or visit www.search.skitts.net



Two-storey extension permission granted

ON the popular Spennells estate on a corner plot within a cul-de-sac, this family home in Linnet Rise, Kidderminster, has had planning permission for a two-storey side extension.

It is for sale through Your Move at offers over £150,000.

It has a spacious lounge opening into a dining room, a kitchen with an oven and hob and access to the rear garden, a spacious landing, three generous-sized bedrooms and a family bathroom.

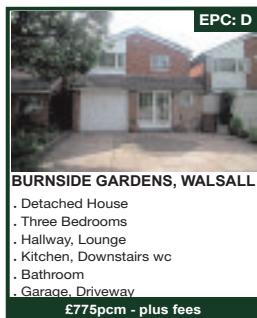
Outside is a landscaped rear garden, a lawned front garden with a driveway with ample parking. For further information contact Your Move on 0121 533041 or visit www.your-move.co.uk



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A well-presented house with £235,000 price-tag

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It is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents with an asking price of £235,000.

Featuring gas central heating and double glazing, it has an entrance hall, lounge, dining room with patio doors, a kitchen with a double electric oven, electric hob with extractor, dishwasher and fridge, utility and guest WC.

Meanwhile, upstairs are four bedrooms (master with a refitted en suite), and a bathroom.

Outside is a rear garden with a patio and lawn and front lawned garden with a driveway and garage.

For further information contact Skitts Estate Agents on 01922 478104 or visit www.skitts.net



Superb improved detached in town

THIS superb improved and well presented four-bedroomed detached house in Shenstone Valley Road, Halesowen, is for sale through Taylors at £345,000.

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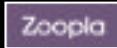
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• Fitted Kitchen
• Utility
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In the Region Of £100,000

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Catches Drive, Walsall

- Three Storey Town House
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£159,950

Mayfields Drive, Walsall

- Extended Modern Family Home
- Spacious After Cul-de-Sac Location
- Superb Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Attractive Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

£155,000

Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Three Bedrooms

£135,000

Norton East Road, Cannock

- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Close to Chasewater Park

In the Region Of £134,950

Chatsworth Crescent, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Immaculately Refurbished
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite WC
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Luxurious Bathroom

In the Region Of £129,950

Oakridge Close, Willenhall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Entrance Porch
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £126,000

Red Lion Avenue, Cannock

- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Modern Kitchen
- Chasewater Grange Nearby
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £125,000

Tannery Court, Walsall

- Exclusive New Build Development
- 10 Year NHBC Guarantee
- Located Close to Walsall Town Centre
- End Town House
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Fitted Gloss Kitchen/Diner

In the Region Of £125,000

Glastonbury Crescent, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Three bedrooms

In the Region Of £115,000

Irvine Road, Walsall

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- CORNER PLOT WITH LARGE REAR GARDEN
- GOING TO TENANT
-
-
- FITTED KITCHEN
- LUXURY BATHROOM

In the Region Of £115,000

Warren Place, Walsall

- Large Corner Plot
- End of Terrace
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge with dual aspect windows
- Kitchen
- Utility Room

In the Region Of £115,000

Springfields, Walsall

- Well Presented End Terrace
- Porch
- Kitchen/Diner
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Close
-

£114,950

Somerfield Road, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Superb Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Private Rear Garden
- Rear Access
-

In the Region Of £110,000

The Pines, Walsall

- Ideal First Purchase or Family Home
- Located Close to New Invention School
- Overshadowed Playing Fields
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Terret Close, Walsall

- Modern Two Bedroom Apartment
- Located Close to Walsall Town Centre
- Secure Gated Car Park
- Allocated Parking Space
- Secure Communal Entrance
- Lounge with Juliet Balconies

In the Region Of £92,000

Terret Close, Walsall

- Modern Two Bedroom Apartment
- Located Close to Walsall Town Centre
- Secure Gated Car Park
- Allocated Parking Space
- Secure Communal Entrance
- Lounge with Two Juliet Balconies

Offers in Excess of £90,000

West Street, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Well Presented End-of-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Oak Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Wet Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £87,950

West Street, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Oak Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Wet Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£85,000

Revival Street, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal First Purchase
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Wet Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £85,000

Howdles Lane, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Space
- Refitted Kitchen
- Ample Car Parking Available
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Mount Road, Walsall
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• Utility Room
• Garage/Study
• Lounge
• Two En-Suite Bathrooms
£265,000

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Bamford Road, Walsall
• Impressive Detached Residence
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• Utility Room
• Guest Cloakroom
• Lounge
• Luxury Refitted Bathroom
Offers in Excess of £210,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Collins Road, Walsall
• Extended Family Home
• Corner Plot with Further Potential
• Off Road Parking
• Superb Extended Living Kitchen
• Play Room/Study
• Guest Cloakroom/WC
£190,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Watling Street, Walsall
• Beautifully Refurbished
• Superb Rear Garden
• Luxurious Fixtures & Fittings
• Refitted Kitchen
• Luxurious Bathroom
£180,000

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Subject to Contract

Selsdon Road, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Detached
• Side Garage
• Off Road Parking
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Lounge
• Dining Room
£175,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Widney Avenue, Walsall
• Traditional Semi-Detached
• Further Potential to Extend/Improve
• Family Friendly Rear Garden
• Desirable Location
£164,950

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Ogley Road, Walsall
• Superb Detached Family Residence
• No Upward Chain
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms
• Converted Garage to Office/Playroom
• Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
£165,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Catches Drive, Walsall
• Three Storey Town House
• Garage
• Off Road Parking
• Three Bedrooms
• Two En-Suites
• Kitchen/Diner
£159,950

SOLD
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Bealeys Close, Walsall
• Two Bedroom Coach House
• Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen
• Master Bedroom En Suite
• Bathroom
£140,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Claverdon Close, Walsall
• Immaculate Modern Semi-Detached
• Cul-de-Sac Location
• Excellent Transport Links
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• Two Allocated Parking Spaces
• Fitted Kitchen/Diner
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Leighs Road, Walsall
• Three bedroom Semi-Detached
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• Lounge
• Conservatory
• Bathroom
• Off Road Parking
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SOLD
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Coronation Road, Walsall
• Immaculately Presented Throughout
• Ideal for First Time Buyers
• Impressive Kitchen/Diner
• Delightful Rear Garden
• Close to St. John's c of E School
£120,000

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GUIDE: £100,000

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GUIDE: £65,000

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WALSALL
GUIDE: £40,000

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STAFFORD
GUIDE: £130,000

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WALSALL
GUIDE: £65,000

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WALSALL
GUIDE: £40,000

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WILKIN ROAD, WALSALL
GUIDE: £118,000

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DARTFORD ROAD, WALSALL
GUIDE: £100,000

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BLOXWICH ROAD, WALSALL
GUIDE: £90,000

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WILKIN ROAD, WALSALL
GUIDE: £118,000

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GUIDE: £100,000

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GUIDE: £90,000

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- Well Presented End Terrace Residence
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating D, Entrance Porch
- Offers Around: £126,500
- Viewing: Viewing:



- 4 Bedroom end terraced house
- Downstairs wc
- Kitchen
- EPC-C, Dining area
- Offers Around: £150,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- 4 Bedroom detached house
- Kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- Offers Around: £169,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- 1 Bed. Room, No Upward Chain
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Offers Around: £57,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall • Guest WC
- Lounge & Dining Room
- EPC Rating D, Lounge & Dining Room
- Offers Around: £179,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- End Terrace Residence
- UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating E, Lounge • Dining Room
- Offers Around: £98,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



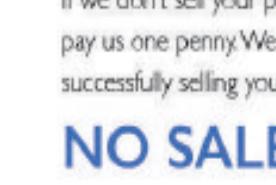
- End Terrace Residence
- Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating D, Lounge
- Offers Around: £117,500
- Viewing: Viewing:



- 3 Bedroom semi-detached house
- No upward chain
- Great location
- Entrance porch and hallway
- Offers Around: £129,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Mid Terraced
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- EPC Rating E, Kitchen
- Offers Around: £70,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Mid-Terraced House requiring upgrading
- One Reception Room
- Porch • Lounge • Hall
- EPC Rating D, Lounge
- Offers Around: £64,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- More than 50% of the property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Energy Rating E, First Floor Bathroom
- Offers Around: £79,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Ideal first time buy
- No upward chain
- Entrance porch and hallway
- EPC - D, Lounge
- Offers Around: £84,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- 2 Bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Requires fully modernising
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Offers Around: £99,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Semi Detached Residence Requiring some Modernisation
- UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- Offers Around: £119,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- New Build Property - Recently Constructed
- Well Appointed Throughout
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Energy Rating C, Lounge & Fitted Kitchen
- Offers Around: £120,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- New Build Property - Recently Constructed
- Well Appointed Throughout
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Energy Rating C, Lounge & Fitted Kitchen
- Offers Around: £120,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating B, Lounge
- Offers Around: £134,950
- Viewing: Viewing:



- 3 Bedroom detached house
- Immaculate condition
- Entrance porch and hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Offers Around: £135,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Executive 6 Bedroom Detached Residence
- Three Reception Rooms & Large Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom, 4 En-suites & Guest WC
- Energy Rating C, Utility Room & Double Width
- Offers Around: £490,000
- Viewing: Viewing:



- Mid Terrace Residence in a cul de sac location
- Double Glazing & Electric Heating
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating D, Lounge
- Offers Around: £105,000
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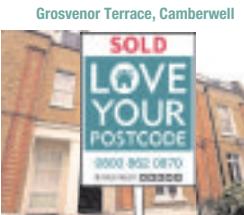
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- ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
- UPSTAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM AND GROUND FLOOR

Offers in Excess of £199,950*



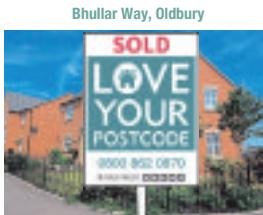
- Delightful Four Bedroom, Three Storey House
- OFF ROAD PARKING AND REAR ENCLOSED GARDEN
- Family Bathroom and Jack & Jill Ensuite Shower Room
- EPC Rating: C

Guide Price £189,950*



- Unique Traditional Detached Property
- Conservatory/ Sun Room
- Off-Road Parking and Garage
- EPC Rating: F

Offers in Excess of £179,950*



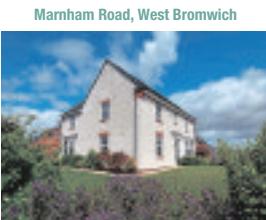
- STUNNING THREE BEDROOM EN SUITE TO MASTER
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING
- LOVELY AREA

Guide Price £164,950*



- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY
- DRIVEWAY, OFF ROAD PARKING AND GARAGE
- L-SHAPED DINING KITCHEN
- EPC RATING: C

Guide Price £379,950*



- STUNNING DETACHED HOUSE
- 4 BEDROOMS
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE

Offers invited over £379,950*



- BEAUTIFUL SIX BEDROOM DETACHED HOME
- OFF ROAD PARKING AND GARAGE
- SPACIOUS FRONT RECEPTION & REAR DINING ROOM
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Offers in the Region Of £294,950*



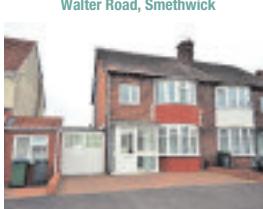
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- Four Bedroom Detached House
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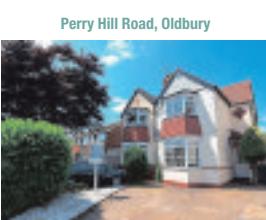
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- SPACIOUS GARDEN
- 2 SIZEABLE RECEPTION ROOMS
- NEUTRAL DECOR

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- DELIGHTFUL TWO BEDROOM COTTAGE
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- DELIGHTFUL THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME
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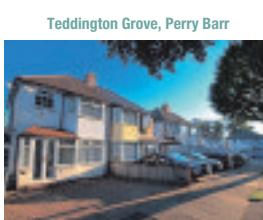
- LOVELY FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOME
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- OFF ROAD PARKING AND REAR GARDEN
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £164,950*



- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- NEW BUILD/ LARGE PLOT
- DRIVEWAY FOR THREE CARS
- NEUTRAL DECOR THROUGHOUT

Offers in Excess of £164,950*



- 3 BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN AND REAR CONSERVATORY
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in the Region Of £149,950*



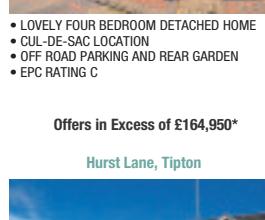
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME
- LARGE THROUGH LOUNGE
- DRIVEWAY FOR FIVE CARS
- EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £149,950*



- 3 BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
- EXCELLENT PROMINENT CORNER POSITION
- UPSTAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM AND SEPARATE WC
- EPC RATING: B

Guide Price £139,950*



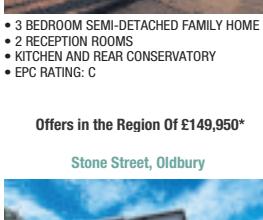
- Modern Three Bedroom Much Loved Home
- Detached Garage & Off Road Parking/ Rear Gardens
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- EPC TBC

Guide Price £124,950*



- ONE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED RESIDENCE
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- EPC RATING: C

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New Jazz very affordable

Honda's all-new Honda Jazz subcompact hatchback will be priced from £13,495 on-the-road for the entry-level S model, rising to £17,425 for the flagship EX Navi CVT model.

Competitive PCP options for the versatile and sophisticated new Honda are expected to start from £149 per month (5.9 per cent APR with a 30 per cent deposit), bringing exceptional affordability to the subcompact hatchback segment.

The all-new Jazz builds on the strong reputation of its highly successful predecessors. The newcomer retains the classic Jazz silhouette yet exhibits distinctive contemporary styling, including a powerful new face and strong character lines.

A new platform increases overall length by 95 mm, but highly efficient packaging means that the latest Jazz is proportionally even bigger on the inside than the previous generation model. Occupants will benefit from both boot space (354 litres with the rear seats up and 897 litres with the rear seats down) and passenger space that are unrivalled in the class. The all-new Jazz offers exceptional versatility, retaining Honda's highly practical Magic Seat system which allows for numerous cargo configurations and a maximum interior loading length of an impressive 2,480 mm.

Specifications are generous across the range, with base-grade S models fitted as standard with features such as air conditioning, cruise control with speed limiter and dusk sensing auto lights. Every grade comes with Honda's City-Brake Active to help avoid low-speed accidents.

The mid-grade SE model, priced from £14,595, adds front and rear parking sen-

sors, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors and 15" alloy wheels. Honda's Driver Assistance Safety Pack is also included, giving owners the extra reassurance of five advanced active safety aids.

Those opting for the top-grade EX model (from £15,715) get smart entry and start, automatic climate control and six-speaker audio upgrade. Styling is enhanced with 16-inch alloy wheels and front fog lamps.

Customers opting for the SE or EX models will also benefit from the Honda Connect in-car infotainment system as standard. This Android-based system features an app-based 'pinch, swipe and tap' interface accessed on a seven-inch touchscreen in the centre of the dash.

Honda Connect comes with pre-installed apps, with others available for download from the Honda App Centre. These give rapid access to internet-based services such as web browsing, real-time traffic information, news and weather, social media, and internet music stations. Integrated Garmin navigation is available as an option on SE and EX models.

Designed and engineered to achieve a five-star Euro NCAP rating, every all-new Jazz sold in Europe will be equipped with Honda's City-Brake Active system as standard. SE and EX models will be fitted with Honda's Driver Assistance Safety Pack, which uses radar sensors, plus forward- and rear-facing cameras. This comprehensive suite of active safety technologies includes forward collision warning, traffic sign recognition, intelligent speed limiter, lane departure warning and high-beam support system.

A new, highly efficient, highly responsive 1.3 litre i-VTEC petrol engine from Honda's Earth Dreams Technology series delivers 102 PS at 6,000 rpm. This power unit delivers the sprightly driving performance of the previous



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'Now in its third generation, Jazz continues to evolve its unique blend of quality, compact exterior dimensions and class-leading interior space.'
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Jazz's 1.4 litre engine, together with fuel economy equivalent to its 1.2 litre.

Combined with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a newly developed CVT, emissions are as low as 106 g/km of CO₂. The CVT's driveability is given a more natural 'multi-gear' feel through the use of new control software exclusive to Europe which simulates seven speeds and provides optimised gear change mapping.

Leon Brannan, head of cars at Honda UK, said: "Now in its third generation, Jazz continues to evolve its unique blend of quality, compact exterior dimensions and class-leading interior space. And,

with highly competitive list prices from just £13,495 and very affordable PCP packages from £139 per month, we are expecting strong demand for the all-new Jazz."

"The all-new Jazz signals the fourth of five new and refreshed models for Honda in Europe in 2015, an exciting year in which we're boldly re-energising the brand. The Jazz is a world car that has now sold over five million units since it was introduced in 2001. The greatest strength of Jazz is its broad appeal to different customer segments, and we're confident this latest generation will only broaden that appeal."

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At the wheel of Blue Bird

Pendine Sands came alive as spectators watched a commemorative run of the iconic 350hp Sunbeam, on the 90th anniversary of Sir Malcolm Campbell's World Land Speed Record of 150mph.

The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, marked the anniversary with a demonstration run in the restored Sunbeam with Sir Malcolm's grandson Don Wales (pictured right) at the wheel.

Don, who is also a Land Speed Record holder, said: "I was thrilled to be given this amazing opportunity to sit at the wheel of my grandfather's car back at Pendine where he set his record. It was an honour both to follow in his footsteps and to drive this iconic car on such a special occasion."

"My grandfather (pictured below) was a remarkable man and for us to remember him and honour some of his achievements in this way is very humbling. I really must thank Beaulieu

for this opportunity and for all the hard work the restoration team have done on her."

The car was the brainchild of Sunbeam's chief engineer and racing team manager, Louis Coatalen, and was constructed at the company's works in Wolverhampton during 1919 and early 1920. Its power came from a modified 18.322 litre V12 Manitou Arab aero engine, a type used on naval seaplanes.

The Sunbeam, renamed Blue Bird by Campbell, holds three World Land Speed Records, the first achieved by Kenelm Lee Guinness at Brooklands in 1922 with a speed of 133.75mph. Campbell then purchased the car, had it painted in his distinctive colour scheme and in September 1924 achieved a new record speed of 146.16mph at Pendine, raising it the following year to 150.76mph.

Demonstration

Campbell then sold the Sunbeam and it passed through a number of owners and was in a poor condition when purchased by Lord Montagu in 1957, for his ever expanding motor museum. It was restored to working order and when not on display, it was taken to motoring venues in the UK, Europe and as far afield as South Africa. Its last outing was at the British Automobile Racing Club Festival of Motoring at Goodwood in July 1962 when Lord Montagu took it on a 3-lap demonstration run and Donald Campbell did a lap d'Honneur.

During a test fire-up in 1993 to assess the car's condition, disaster struck when a blocked oil way in the engine caused it to seize and 'throw a rod'. For several years after that, the car was on display in the museum with a very visible hole in its engine where the piston and con-rod had exited.

In January 2014, following a complete mechanical rebuild by the National Motor Muse-



um's workshop team over a period of many years, the Sunbeam was fired-up again – the first time it had been heard in public in over 50 years. The following month it was a star of the show at Retromobile, Paris and was also run at the 2014 Goodwood Festival of Speed.

Doug Hill, the National Motor Museum's manager and chief engineer, said: "When we were rebuilding the Sunbeam, I always hoped it would be finished by 2015 so we could run it

here today on the 90th anniversary of its World Land Speed Record. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to Louis Coatalen, the designers, the engineers who built it and the people who developed it during its racing history. I am also indebted to our team of engineers and volunteers who have spent more than 2000 working hours returning it to running condition."

Supporting the run was the 1933 aero-engined Napier Railton Special, which holds the

all-time lap record of 143.44mph at Brooklands. The Napier-Railton has its own unique history at Pendine, having been the star (alongside James Mason and Ava Gardner) of the 1951 movie *Pandora & The Flying Dutchman*. In the film, the car is used for an attempt on the Land Speed Record, for which the action sequences (culminating in the car being driven into the sea to quench an engine fire) were filmed on Pendine Sands during 1950.

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Smith rules out a return for Gerrard in defence

WALSALL manager Dean Smith has ruled out a move for defender Anthony Gerrard.

The Saddlers boss is on the hunt for a new centre-back after James Chambers opted to retire from professional football earlier this month.

Doncaster's Liam Wakefield featured on trial in last week's friendlies against Rushall Olympic and Villa but Smith has decided not to offer him a deal.

Many Saddlers' fans had hoped the boss would instead turn to free agent Gerrard who enjoyed a hugely successful spell at the Bank's Stadium between 2005 and 2009.

But Smith believes a move for the player wouldn't be right for the club.

"I have spoken with Liam and felt he isn't better than what we have already got - we have moved on from that," the boss said.

"Whoever we bring in has got to be better than what we have got so we are still looking for a central defender."

"In terms of Anthony Gerrard I don't think he is one we will go for."

"Anthony has been here before and a lot of people have worked with him here. I think it would be a backwards step for the club."

"It's not that Anthony Gerrard can't play at this level. I just think he has been here before and we want to move forward."

Meanwhile, Smith was delighted with the performance of his players despite watching his team slip to a 2-0 defeat against Premier League Albion.

Goals from Sadio Berahino and Brown Ideye, both assisted by James McClean, won it.

Ex-Saddler Westwood joins the Yeltz

HALESOWEN Town have continued to add former Football League experience to their squad by securing the signature of ex-Wolves and Walsall defender Chris Westwood.

The 38-year-old central defender, who can also operate at full-back, has enjoyed a distinguished career in the full-time game, winning two League Two promotions with both Peterborough United and Walsall, as well as an FA Trophy medal with Wrexham.

He has most recently been playing at Huddersfield Town but adds further experience to John Hill's backline.

The Dudley-born defender began his career at Molineux, making more 250 appearances at Carlisle before two seasons at the Banks's.

Ex-Rushall midfielder Josh Craddock has signed for Stafford Rangers, weeks after agreeing to sign at Huddersfield.

Young defender Kyle Morrison and forward Luke Benbow also depart Keys Park.

Injury will keep Bath out for start of season

WOLVES captain Danny Bath will miss the start of the season through injury, it has been confirmed.

The 24-year-old is still out with the stress fracture to his left foot that forced him to miss the final two games of last season.

Bath will begin full training two days after Wolves open their league campaign against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park on August 8.

It is likely he won't be back in first-team action during the opening weeks of the season.

Wolves boss Kenny Jackett said of Bath's injury latest: "He's doing well. His return to full training will be the Monday after the Blackburn game."

"We're still going to have to be careful with it but he'll be in full training then."

Banks's provides development

THE Banks's Stadium is the place to be for youngsters wanting to develop and have a shot at breaking into the first team, according to Saddlers No.2 Richard O'Kelly.

Dean Smith's assistant oversaw a promising display from the club's academy prospects as they ran out comfortable 4-0 winners at non-league Chasetown's The Scholars Ground last week.

Kieron Morris, Zac Thompson, Jordan Sangha and Mazir Kouhyar all scored on a night that the future prospects more than matched the physical approach of their semi-professional opposition and certainly made a good show of themselves.

O'Kelly said: "We sent quite a young squad there

and the question was can they handle it physically.

"What we saw is a group of young players who were able to battle physically as well as play great football."

"A new project got under way three years ago with John Whitney (fitness coach) where we would put them on a regime to improve their power and it is paying dividends."

"The youngsters we have are all quicker and stronger for it - the players are really buying into it," he added.

"It was a big investment from the club and it's really helping the players develop physically as well as tactically." The assistant manager believes young

players will now look at Walsall as a place to be to hone their footballing skills and develop into a professional.

He said: "We want players to be able to think that they will have a chance at Walsall."

"Whereas maybe somewhere else they will sit on the bench for three or four years before being released."

"We're a developing club. But we also want to be successful."

"There were a few 16-year-olds put into that environment and it's where you can find if they'll sink or swim."

"At the moment they're going to swim."

Pelsall one game away from Lord's

PELSALL Cricket Club are one game away from a dream day out at Lord's after solid victory at the weekend.

Danny Pennell's side booked their place in the semi-finals of the National Village Knockout with a 57-run success over Welsh side Bronwydd.

Todd Henderson impressed with bat and ball for Pelsall.

Henderson scored 73 in Pelsall's total of 205-8 from their 40 overs before picking up 3-33 as Bronwydd were dismissed for 148, in reply.

Lee Buckingham also claimed three wickets after a late call-up.

"It was a really good day and the lads played very well," said skipper Pennell.

Buckingham was an unlikely hero as Pelsall booked left themselves one win from a show-down at Lord's.

Buckingham, who only learned of his inclusion in the side on the morning of the game, took 3-18, supporting Todd Henderson's all-round masterclass as Pelsall earned a spot in the last four at the expense of Welsh outfit Bronwydd.

Henderson top-scored with 73, as well as taking 3-33 with the ball, while Alex Jones chipped in with 39 in Pelsall's total of 205-8 from 40 overs.

Sticky

Skipper Pennell said: "It was a bit of a sticky wicket and really we wanted to set a bit more than 205."

"There wasn't much grass and it was hard to make boundaries."

"But I kept telling the lads, you don't get many chances like this in sport and we all dug in and made it."

Bronwydd were chasing down Pelsall's total as they reached 139-5, but a collapse, mainly down to an impressive spell from paceman Henderson - who took 2-2 late on - saw the Welsh visitors dismissed for 148.

Pennell was quick to praise Henderson and Buckingham: "Todd played very well while Lee came up from the seconds. He only found out he was playing on the morning. He took the last wicket it was fully deserved."

"There was about 300 supporters here and it was great playing it in front of our families."

"We have had a great run in the competition and we don't want to lose in the semi-final."

Pelsall will now entertain three-time cup winners and holders Woodhouse Grange in the last four on Sunday.

Saddlers slaughter Scholars



Jamie Smith of the Saddlers tussles with Scholars' Nathan Waite during the 4-0 shutout

Chasetown 0 Walsall 4

A YOUTHFUL Walsall side ran out comfortable winners at Chasetown with four cracking goals.

Kieron Morris, trialist Zac Thompson, Jordan Sangha and Mazir Kouhyar all struck for the Saddlers.

The visitors saw many of their youth team members fly out of the blocks against their Evo-

Stik First Division South hosts.

Walsall's bright start was to be rewarded as Morris escaped the attentions of the Scholars defence on the edge of the box and fired in a low shot from 20-yards.

Not long after, Thompson, who has been at Leeds United and Bury, struck a storming half-volley into the top corner from 30-yards.

Sierra Leone-born forward Bakayoko headed straight at John Bateman as the Saddlers should have had another.

As the second-half brought changes, Walsall continued to tighten their grip and had a third through substitute Sangha. Midway through the half the Saddlers added a fourth, Kouhyar this time shooting across Bateman.

Walsall are no pushovers for Baggies

Walsall 0 Albion 2

ALBION needed to call on all their Premier League quality to overcome a determined Walsall side in a pre-season friendly at the Banks's Stadium.

Second half-goals from Sadio Berahino and substitute Brown Ideye secured a 2-0 win after Saddler Tom Bradshaw missed a first half penalty.

Walsall boss Dean Smith will be delighted with the way his side matched their Premier League opponents, while Tony Pulis will have been thrilled with the performance of James McClean who filled in at left-back and set up both goals.

The Saddlers lined up in a 3-5-2 formation with Jason Demetriou and Rico Henry operating as wing-backs. There was no place for centre-back Liam Wakefield - the trialist who started Saturday's friendly against Villa.

For Albion James McClean started at left-back with Craig Gardner at right-back.

The Baggies were on the attack inside the first minute with Stephane Sessegnon combining well with McClean before delivering a teasing cross which Adam Chambers hacked clear.

But Walsall soon found their rhythm and they almost opened the scoring after Bradshaw was hauled

down on the edge of the box by Claudio Yacob. Flanagan's free-kick went straight into the wall but the ball cannoned back to the midfielder whose second effort sailed inches over the bar.

The Saddlers, with Flanagan and Henry particularly impressive, were on top and they again came close as the half reached the mid-way point.

Bradshaw did well to escape the attentions of Olsson to feed Sawyers in the box. The creative schemer then cut the ball back to the on-rushing Baxendale who side-footed wide from 12 yards.

Deadlock

With just over five minutes of the half remaining the Saddlers should have broken the deadlock after Baxendale was tripped inside the box by Gardner.

Bradshaw stepped up to take the resultant spot-kick but his mis-hit shot cannoned off the post with the striker then scuffing the rebound wide.

Both managers made changes at the break with James Morrison replacing Darren Fletcher for Albion. Walsall made four changes with Demetriou,

Taylor, Chambers and Bradshaw making way for Liam Kinsella, Matt Preston, Sam Mantom and Milan Lalkovic.

Walsall looked for an early second-half breakthrough, Baxendale hitting a wonderful half-volley from 30 yards which was expertly tipped over the bar by a back pedalling Boaz Myhill.

But as the clock ticked towards the hour mark, Albion's Premier League quality was starting to show and McClean's low drive needed to be pushed around the post by a diving MacGillivray.

Minutes later and Albion were ahead. The hugely impressive McClean forced his way to the by-line and hit a cross which Berahino tapped home from close range.

The goal saw Walsall come alive and they should have pulled level after creating two golden chances in the space of the minute.

First, substitute Kieron Morris danced his way past a number of challenges inside the box before smashing a strike against the underside of the bar with the goal at his mercy.

Ideye sealed the result seven minutes from the end, converting a cross from Chris Brunton close in, in an almost carbon copy of Berahino's goal.

Bright boy steals the show to give Wolves edge

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett believes young match-winner Bright Enobakhare is ready for senior football after the 17-year-old's wonder goal at Doncaster.

Jackett's team ended their pre-season campaign on a high by edging a seven-goal thriller at Keepmoat Stadium.

Several fringe players impressed during the victory, giving Jackett a poser as he finalises his team for this Saturday's league kick-off at Blackburn Rovers.

But Enobakhare stole the show with a glorious individual winner, taking on three players before slotting home. Jackett said of the Nigerian teenager: "It was a great individual goal and I'm very pleased with him."

"He looked strong and around the box he's always going very direct."

"He's done very well, out of the young players he physically looks the strongest and going into the Championship you do need to be strong and have power through your team."

"He's had a good pre-season. He's still eligible for our youth team, we'll see what he can do this year but his appetite, his desire, his commitment to win the ball back, the physical nature of his game, does suggest he could do something in senior football this year."

Winger Jordan Graham also got on the scoresheet and Jackett said there were 'horses for courses' options for his squad.

"I think I know where we want to be. I think I know where we want to be as a club as well," he said.

"It's going to be a long season."

Lambert is looking for England recall

NEW Albion forward Rickie Lambert is hoping to follow up his promising start to life at The Hawthorns - with a recall to the England squad.

The 33-year-old, who scored a brace on his debut at Bristol Rovers just hours after signing a contract on Friday, insists he can prove the doubters wrong and add to his 11 caps.

On an England recall, he said: "That is something in the future. I will never give up and with my character and my personality, that's something no-one would expect me to do."

"You just have to believe in yourself and hopefully, if I have a couple of seasons like I did at Southampton there is no reason why I can't get back in there. It is only two years ago I scored 15 and then 13."

"Obviously it is over a year ago that I've just got to get back to that now."

After a tough season at boyhood club Liverpool, Lambert is ready to get his career back on track in the Midlands.

Benbow gets signed up by Rushall club

RUSHALL OLYMPIC have completed the signing of prolific forward Luke Benbow from Huddersfield Town.

The 23-year-old striker only moved to Keys Park at the beginning of the summer after leaving Stourbridge, where he scored more than 50 goals across three seasons.

But his stay with the Pitmen was a short one after struggling with injuries over the summer. Stafford Rangers were due to welcome Huddersfield in the second-leg of the Mike Hughes Memorial Shield.

The visiting National League North outfit held a 2-0 advantage from the first-leg at Keys Park, where Jake Heath and Ahmed Obeng struck.

Hughes' widow, Carol and son, Jason are due to attend.

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Boss Smith has plenty of options

BOSS Dean Smith admits he has plenty of options to choose from as Walsall prepare to kick off their League One campaign.

Oldham will be the visitors to the Banks's Stadium on Saturday as the Saddlers bid to make a winning start to the 2015/16 season.

Exactly how Smith's men will line up for it has been cause for debate among fans with the boss experimenting with different formations in pre-season.

And after opting for a 3-5-2 system for the final friendlies against Albion and Luton, Smith may start that way against the Latics.

"The 3-5-2 formation has definitely given me something to think about," he said. "Against Luton the three at the back looked very comfortable."

"But as an attacking outfit I thought we were very good. We kept the ball well and were camped in their half at times. We created a lot of chances. It just shows what an attacking formation it is."

"What's important is that the players go out and believe in it. But they have done that over the last two games."

Smith is now looking forward to the competitive action getting underway, with defender Matt Preston his only minor injury doubt.

Meanwhile, Smith's hunt to improve his squad goes on with Spanish trialist Adrian Pazo featuring against Luton. The former Celta Vigo man started at centre-back but there was no place in the squad for fellow trialist Zac Thompson – a player Smith has admitted he would like to sign. "I thought Pazo did OK against Luton," the boss added.

"It was always going to be tough for him. He has never played three at the back before."

Paddock has his mind on keeping hold of his belt

MIDLANDS title rivals Luke Paddock and Andy Keates saddled up for their battle for the belt with a trip to fight venue Walsall Football Club this week, writes Craig Birch.

The duo were paraded on the pitch at the Banks's Stadium, during half-time of Walsall's 2-0 pre-season friendly defeat to Albion.

And area light welterweight champion Paddock, making the first defence of his crown, thinks it will be a balm when the two touch gloves on Friday September 4.

He said: "It's going to be quality, to fight in my home-town is good enough but to fight at my football club is something else."

"This is not just for me, this is for the fans, so I hope everyone on the night just comes along and enjoys the show."

'Cool Hand' and his opponent renew rivalries from their amateur exploits, where Keates had the edge with three wins to Paddock's two in bouts between the pair.

Tickets are available now priced £30 standard and £40 stage ringside by calling Luke on 07881 376 512.

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Winger Scott stakes claim with hat-trick

Notts Forest 3 Villa 3

WINGER Scott Sinclair was at his sparkling best for Villa with a hat-trick in their pre-season friendly at Nottingham Forest.

Sinclair, so often unable to pin down a starting place under boss Tim Sherwood, made a strong claim for inclusion in seven days' time.

Villa will kick off their Premier League campaign at new-boys Bournemouth with Sherwood, no doubt, telling them they must defend better.

Sinclair's treble put the claret and blues in control, after Forest striker Dexter Blackstock broke the deadlock inside the first 30 seconds.

There was a glut of late goals what went against the visitors, with strikes from captain Henri Lansbury and Kelvin Wilson snaring a draw.

Jose Angel Crespo and Jordan Ayew were handed their first starts for Villa, while latest signing Jordan Veretout was among the substitutes.

Villa had barely drew breath before Lansbury's defence-splitting pass released Blackstock, who slotted under goalkeeper Mark Bunn.

Villa battled back and equalised in the 21st minute, when Jordan Amavi's ball from the left hand side was headed home by Sinclair.

Villa who took the lead on 52 minutes when substitute Joe Cole slipped in Sinclair, who fired into the roof of the net.

The arrival from Manchester City then completed his hat-trick just after the hour mark.

But Villa were found all at sea when Lansbury twisted and turned on the edge of the box, before slotting past Bunn.

Then Wilson was on hand to level.

Jason promising goals for the fans

FULL-BACK Jason Demetriou has promised Walsall fans he will get among the goals this season.

The 27-year-old, a summer capture from Cypriot outfit Anorthosis Famagusta, has impressed throughout pre-season.

"I've always backed myself to get assists wherever I've played," he said.

"I should be getting a minimum of five in a season and there is no reason why I can't get into double figures. It's a big part of my game getting forward and delivering crosses. And with the forward players we have there is no reason why they shouldn't be finishing them off."



Striker Jordan Cook battles to get an attempt on goal while, right, centre-back Paul Downing clears

Geehan. But despite having the goal at his mercy, the midfielder side footed over the bar when it was easier to score. The game was missing the competitive edge seen in the friendlies against Albion and Villa.

And it wasn't until the stroke of half-time until the Hatters truly threatened again.

Striker Paul Benson looked to place a whipped Green cross into the corner but Neil Etheridge was on hand to produce a sprawling save and push the ball to safety.

The second half started with the Saddlers once again on the front foot and Adam Chambers, Cook and Demetriou all went close with long-

range efforts. On the hour, Demetriou twisted and turned his way into the box before cutting the ball back to Kieron Morris who saw a fierce strike beaten away by Tyler.

And after substitute Andy Taylor had galloped down the left flank to force a corner, Chambers saw a half-volley from the resultant kick cleared off the line.

While there were plenty of positives, Smith will be concerned by the team's inability to double their lead while they were on top. While the performance of Pazo, who was steady but unspectacular, means question marks remain over the centre-back area.

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Former stars in tribute to Tunisia victims



Neil Baldwin and the players observe the silence

FORMER Walsall stars took on the players of football favourite Neil Baldwin for a match in memory of three Saddlers fans killed in the Tunisian massacre.

The match, organised through the Walsall Supporters Trust, was held at Pelsall Villa with the money raised going towards a fund set up in memory of Joel Richards.

The game was organised in honour of 19-year-old Joel, of Wednesbury, his uncle and Sandwell Council worker Adrian Evans, 49, of Bilton and grandfather Patrick Evans, 78, of Wednesbury who were gunned down on the beach in the horrific

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terror attack. Joel, his uncle and grandfather lost their lives in the attack in the coastal city of Sousse when the attack took place on June 26. Joel's mother Suzanne and his brother Owen, who was the only one of the four holidaymakers to survive, attended the game.

Former players, including Mark Taylor and Andy Reece joined the Walsall Legends team to take on Neil Baldwin FC. The game finished 6-3 to the Walsall Legends. A minute's silence was held before kick-off.

OPTIMISM FOR NEW SEASON

Luton 0 Walsall 1

WITH just five days until the competitive action gets underway, Walsall fans can look forward to the new season with a keen sense of optimism and intrigue.

Oldham will be the visitors to the Banks's Stadium this weekend as two of League One's perennial sides look to kick start their 2015/16 campaigns with a win.

But which players and in what system the Saddlers will line up for that opening clash remains a mystery.

Boss Dean Smith has kept everyone guessing throughout all of pre-season – refusing, at any point, to name his best XI.

The biggest talking point from this latest selection was that Walsall lined up in a 3-5-2 formation for the second game in a row.

The system, used to good effect against Premier League Albion last week, saw Rico Henry and Jason Demetriou continue to operate as wing-backs.

Partner

Up front, Smith again opted to field two strikers with Jordan Cook given the chance to partner Tom Bradshaw.

While at centre-back Paul Downing and the emerging Matt Preston were joined by Spanish trialist Adrian Pazo.

Smith has already confirmed Walsall will be more attacking and entertaining this year, and that intent was on show early against the Hatters who found themselves behind within six minutes.

Bradshaw managed to out-fox the Luton offside trap following a long ball over the top.

Last season's top scorer then showed all his striking instincts to cut inside the last defender and fire past a helpless Mark Tyler from eight yards.

John Still's Hatters, who are among the bookies' favourites to win promotion from League Two, should have pulled level immediately.

Danny Green did well to get to the byline and cut the ball back to the onrushing Cameron Mc-

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